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NAZI RAID ON SCAPA FLOW

London, To-day.

German aircraft yesterday evening carried out a large-scale raid on the British naval base at Scapa Flow.

Many heavy bombs were dropped in the vicinity of the few naval vessels at the anchorage, but there were no hits and no damage was done.

The German machines were compelled to fly high owing to the terrific fire of the shore post A.A. batteries, and were finally driven off by fighter planes.

Anti-aircraft batteries were also in action off the North-East coast against what were apparently reconnaissance planes. No bombs were dropped.

The raiders disappeared into the clouds as soon as they were challenged by R.A.F. fighters and failed to penetrate beyond the coastline.—Reuter.

NAZI OBSTACLES IN NORWAY

London, To-day.

An article by the military correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" entitled "The Nazi difficulties in Norway," declares:—

"The best the Narvik garrison can hope for is to reach the Swedish border and internment."

The article goes on to show that the forces at Trondheim and Bergen can expect little help from the sea and less from the main force at Hamar and Elverum.

In the Oslo area the German operations appear to consolidate their hold on this area.

If our naval action and minefields have not completely interrupted German communications the losses experienced in the landing must have warned that communications will be

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ITALY'S FUTURE STAND REMAINS THE SUBJECT OF MUCH SPECULATION, AND SOME LONDON OBSERVERS NOW CONSIDER IT IS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL WHETHER ITALY WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL IF GERMANY IS DETERMINED TO DRAG HER INTO THE WAR.

It is feared Mussolini will feel himself obliged to move in the Balkans should German armies invade Hungary.

Italian action would then be unleashed over Yugoslavia, since Greece is formally guaranteed by the Allies.

It is hoped in London that these developments will not occur, but the fear remains that Il Duce may be unable to retain freedom of action.

Extensive Allied precautions in the Mediterranean primarily aim at facing such an eventuality.—Havas.

RIBBENTROP AGAIN GOING TO MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The "Tidningen" expresses the opinion that Hitler is again doing his utmost to create a Berlin-Moscow-Rome triangle.

Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, is ready to make a third trip to Moscow, where he would give Russia a free hand in Bessarabia (Rumania) as a counterpart to a military alliance with the Reich.

The paper does not believe in the success of such a mission, considering the failure of the recent attempt to bring Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissioner, to Berlin.

The paper admits Russian economic assistance to the Reich but points out that such help is limited.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: East wind, moderate; cloudy generally with mist or fog, probably some drizzle.

WEALTHY BANKER KIDNAPPED

Shanghai, To-day.

Cheng Yin-ping, 50, wealthy banker and director of the Foo-lang Native Bank, was kidnapped by four men yesterday while chatting with friends in a tea-shop in the centre of the Chinese amusement district in the International Settlement.

Four men with pistols intimidated the tea-shop customers, handcuffed the banker and led him into the street where they pushed him into a motor-car.

The motive is believed to be ransom as Cheng was not active in political affairs.—Reuter.

NAZI MILITARY MISSION NOW IN ROME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The German military mission, which has been in Turin, has now reached Rome.—Havas.

Significant Comment

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Italian political circles are gratified at the agreement between Rumania, (Continued on Page 20.)



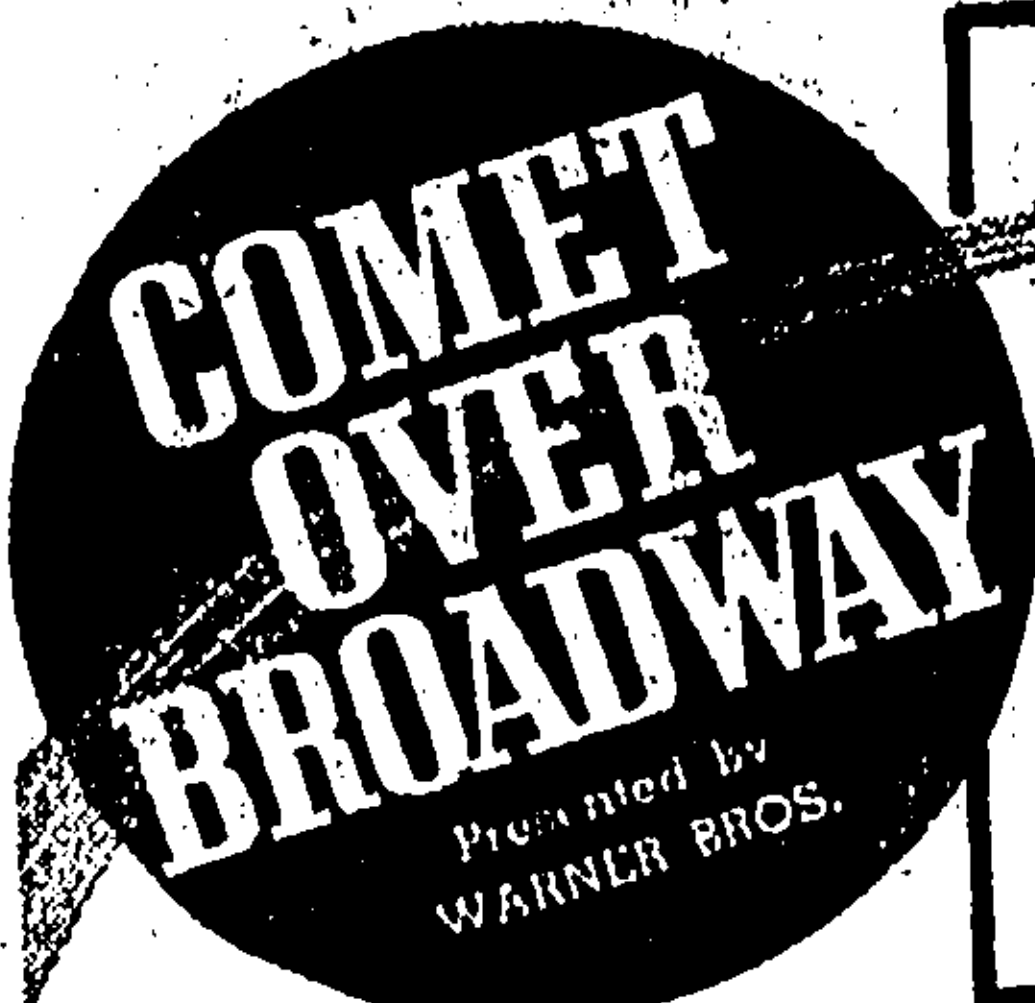
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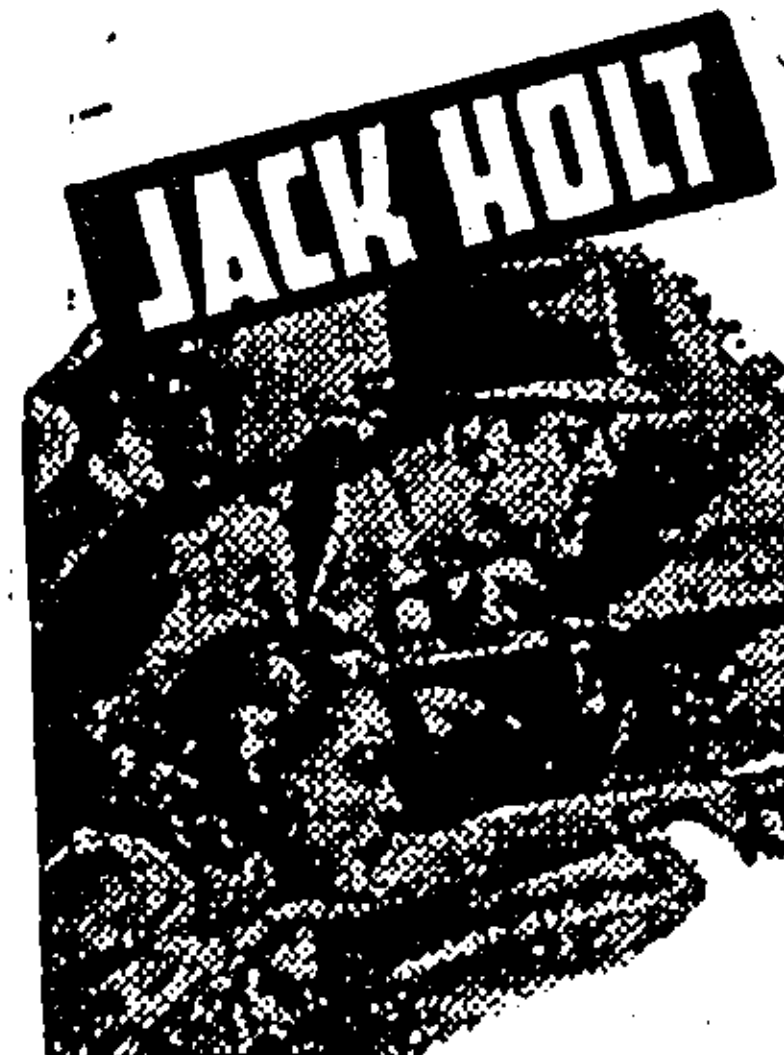
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JAPANESE PRO-NAZI DIPLOMAT URGES PEACE WITH SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

TOSHIDO SHIRATORI, FORMER Japanese Ambassador in Rome and an ardent advocate of Japanese co-operation with Germany, writes in the political review "Sozo," "The Soviet Union is a country worthy of trust. "Has not Germany, after appraising it for more than a year, come to place full confidence in its sincerity?"

Undiscouraged by the fact that the Soviets are building a Red Maginot Line along the Manchukuo border, Mr. Shiratori urges a gradual improvement in relations with Russia.

He proposes the withdrawal of troops from the Soviet-Manchukuo border;

A request to Moscow not to assist General Chiang Kai-shek; and

More definite demarcation of the Soviet-Manchukuo border.

He concludes it is historically inevitable that Japan should co-operate with Germany and Italy because it would accelerate solution of the China war.—Havas.

THAT JAP. BATTLESHIP "SCARE"

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
THE VINSON BILL, PROVIDING FOR AN 11 PER CENT. INCREASE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, SEEMS CERTAIN OF SECURING RECOMMENDATION TO THE SENATE BY THE NAVAL COMMITTEE. It is understood the drop in the projected increase from 25 per cent. to 11 per cent. is due entirely to the inability of ordnance factories to make guns within the Vinson Bill period for more than a 11 per cent. increase. Reports from Japan that super-battleships are being built there, will doubtless assist in securing the passage through Congress of legislation for a bigger navy, but at the same time it is difficult to find any informed source which believes Japan will be able to accomplish the naval programme she is rumoured to have undertaken.—Reuter.

MINING OF THE CLYDE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
ALL VESSELS WISHING TO ENTER OR LEAVE THE CLYDE MUST GET INSTRUCTIONS OR SAFE PASSAGE FROM THE BRITISH NAVY OR CONSULAR AUTHORITIES AT HOME OR ABROAD BEFORE SAILING, ANNOUNCES THE ADMIRALTY. The River Clyde has now been mined between lines joining Durnigh Point to Craigie Point and Rhoad Point to Bennane Head. As an interim measure, patrols will be stationed to the south of the mined area, and these will give instructions for safe passage to those vessels which have sailed from port before the issuing of this notice.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN WAR POLICY

Canberra, To-day.
Australia's war policy was reviewed yesterday by Lord Gowrie, the Governor-General, at the opening of the new session of the Australian Parliament.

From the beginning, he said, the Royal Australian Navy had been co-operating with the Royal Navy in the protection of trade routes, the expedition of an Army Corps was in progress, and thousands of airmen would be trained under the Empire training scheme.

All this must be paid for and it was the principal object of the present session to finance the war effort.

They rejected the evils of monetary inflation and would apply their attention to further taxation measures and the authorisation of war loans.—Reuter.

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BASIC CAUSES OF THE WAR AGAINST GERMANY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SPEAKING IN LONDON YESTERDAY ON "THE TWO IMPERIALISMS," MR. ANTHONY EDEN OPENED BY SAYING: "THIS WAR IS NOT A CLASH BETWEEN RIVAL DYNASTIES; ITS BASIC CAUSES ARE NOT ECONOMIC NOR IS IT EVEN A STRUGGLE TO DECIDE THE BALANCE OF POWER."

Nazidom's record of broken faith has established long since that the Nazi Government is not negotiable. But even this is not the whole and heart of the problem.

The German Government's conception of the world's future is not compatible with ours nor is there room for both.

For Nazism, humanity consists of one race that rules — the German race — and a number of other races all and always inferior.

We are convinced, on the other hand, there can be no hope for mankind unless peoples, small as well as great, are free to develop their own civilisations in security and peace.

It is therefore fundamentals that are at stake. No more vital issues have ever been fought out in any war in history."

Nazi Ideal

Mr. Eden proceeded to a comparison of the German and British conceptions of imperialism.

The Nazi ideal, he said, was based on subjection and repression and he cited the type of world peace envisaged by Hitler in "Mein Kampf" as being one "that will be guaranteed by the triumphant sword of a people endowed with the power to master the world."

In contradistinction to this sentiment Mr. Eden recalled the 1926 Imperial Conference resolution which declared of the British Commonwealth "free institutions are its lifeblood, free co-operation its instrument."

While nations with divergent internal systems, he continued, could live together provided conceptions of international conduct were approximately the same, there was no room for the practice of two fundamentally antagonistic conceptions of world order, and Mr. Eden added: "Either the German doctrine of submission or our doctrine of equality must prevail."

In Practice

At the present moment, he said, both systems could be seen in practice.

Mr. Eden warned his listeners not to regard Hitler as a phenomenon distinct from the German nation. He was a direct expression of a great part of the inheritance of earlier exponents of the German faith in brute force.

Mr. Eden pointed out that the German aggressive war had not been for economic gain but aimed to make the world yield to German authority.

Mr. Eden asked his audience not to underestimate the conviction this idea held, saying: "The Nazis believe it is for the good of Germany that the world be ruled by the Nazis and what is good for the German must be good enough for the world. If others cannot understand this crude and simple proposition they must be beaten until they do."

Unhappy Truth

Illustrating what he described as "this unhappy truth," Mr. Eden read from an official Nazi announcement published in a captured Polish city which document concluded: "Poles who have not yet grasped they are the conquered while we are the conquerors and will not comply with the above decrees, will be punished with all the severity of the law."

Giving another illustration, Mr. Eden reminded his listeners that while the German minority in Czecho-Slovakia had use of their own schools and language and a great German university flourished in Prague, to-day in the whole country the Czech language is suppressed and the only university surviving is German.

Mr. Eden then turned to the workings of the British Commonwealth and pointed out the fallacy of the often repeated statement that Britain owned a quarter of the world.

No part of the Empire owned any other part, he continued. Britain no more ruled over Canada than Canada over Britain or Australia over New Zealand or Britain over either.

The equality of each and all of the self-governing Dominions was complete and absolute.

Conflict Of Worlds

Speaking of the Colonial Empire, Mr. Eden said Britain subscribed to the principles of Article 22 of the League of Nations Covenant and regarded government of the colonies as a trust, and he said: "In some neutral countries which are not at all enamoured of our enemy the belief persists that this is merely a war of interests, one imperialism against another imperialism, one profiteer against another profiteer, with profit its only basis and self-interest its only motive."

No. Many wars have been fought in the past on that basis and that motive but this is not one of them. This is much more than a conflict of interests. It is a conflict of worlds. The whole story of civilisation waits upon its issue."—British Wireless.

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JAPANESE BANKING PROFITS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.
The so-called "Big Six" banks, the Bank of Japan, Mitsui, Mitsubishi, Sumitomo, Yasuda, and Daiichi Sanwa, enjoyed considerable prosperity throughout the second six months of 1939.

Total deposits of these banks amounted to the record figure of 10,500,000,000 yen, over 53 per cent. of total deposits in Japan.

Loans granted by the six banks amounted to six billion yen, representing an expansion of 30 per cent.

The expansion both of deposits and loans enabled these banks to realise a net profit of 32 million yen and the distribution of an eight per cent. dividend.—Havas.

Conscience In Germany?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.
STARTLING DETAILS OF GERMAN ATROCITIES DURING THE POLISH WAR ARE REVEALED IN A SERIES OF AUTHENTIC DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS PUBLISHED IN A POLISH BLACK BOOK, JUST RELEASED.

Authenticity of the documents has been carefully checked; descriptions of German bombings of open cities, trains and civilians are supported by many neutral witnesses and photographs.

A foreword by M. Edouard Herriot, president of the French Chamber of Deputies, declares: "For us who still believe that there remains in Germany many a conscience capable of branding such infamous actions, we read these documents with shame for the whole of mankind."

"We wonder how men approving such crimes can still consider themselves civilised."

The Anglo-Franco-Polish governmental condemnation of German methods in Poland was published simultaneously with the Black Book.—Havas.

RESPECT FOR D.E.I. DEMANDED

Washington, To-day.

The United States called on other nations, and particularly Japan, to respect the status quo in the Netherlands East Indies, regardless of what happens to the Netherlands, in an official statement issued here last night.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in a formal statement said: "Interference in the domestic affairs of the Netherlands East Indies or any alteration in their status quo by other than peaceful processes, would be prejudicial to the cause of the stability of peace and security, not only in the region of the Netherlands East Indies but in the entire Pacific area."

Mr. Hull's statement was in reply to the Japanese Foreign Minister's declaration on Monday expressing the concern of the Japanese Government at the maintenance of the status quo in the N.E.I.

Mr. Hull said: "Any change in the status quo would directly affect the interests of many countries. The N.E.I. is very important in international relations in the whole Pacific and is also an important factor in the commerce of the whole world. They produce a considerable proportion of the world's supplies of important and essential commodities such as rubber, tin, quinine and copra."

"Many countries, including the United States, depend on them for some of these commodities."

Mr. Hull said he based his statement on two important agreements, one of which consisted of Notes exchanged on Nov. 30, 1908, between the United States and Japan, in which each of the two Governments declared its policy was directed towards the maintenance of the existing status quo in the region of the Pacific Ocean.

The other agreement was in Notes the United States, the British Empire, France and Japan sent to the Netherlands Government on Feb. 3, 1922.

Each of the four Governments declared: "It is firmly resolved to respect the rights of the Netherlands in relation to their insular possessions."

Mr. Cordell Hull concluded: "All peaceful nations during recent years have been earnestly urging that policies of force be abandoned and peace be maintained on the basis of fundamental principles, among which are respect by every nation for the right of other nations and non-intervention in their domestic affairs, according to equality, of fair and just treatment and faithful observation of treaty pledges with modification thereof when needful by orderly processes."

"It is the constant hope of the Government of the United States — as it is no doubt that of all peacefully inclined governments — that the attitudes and policies of all governments will be based on these principles and that these principles will be applied not only in every part of the Pacific area but also in every part of the world."—Reuter.

March, 1939, according to the "Nichi-Nichi."

The figure includes 52,000 Japanese in Peiping, 43,000 in Tientsin, 23,000 in Tsingtao and 14,000 in Kalgan.—Havas.

YUGOSLAVIA AND SOVIET TALK TRADE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

Unofficial sources state that trade parleys between Yugo-Slavia and Russia will start soon and that an agreement in principle has already been concluded.

Under this, a Yugo-Slav delegation of about 10 will go to Moscow at the week-end. It will be headed by the Foreign Minister.

Yugo-Slavia is interested in Russian anthracite, oil, cotton, metal and hides.

This is considered to be the first step in the creation of diplomatic relations between Yugo-Slavia and the Soviet. Yugo-Slavia has never recognised the Soviet regime.—Havas.

NEUTRALS ON GUARD

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" IN A LEADING ARTICLE SAYS: "SIGNS MULTIPLY THAT THE PLOT BY WHICH THE GERMANS EFFECTED THE INVASION OF NORWAY HAS WEAKENED THEIR POWER."

"The neutrals are bent on stern precautions to ensure that treachery within shall not open their defences to the barbarian."

"All over Europe the dupes and hirelings who compose the vanguard of modern Germany's warfare are being dealt with faithfully."

"Countries within reach of the German fangs would be blind if they could not learn from so glaring an example of what is intended against them all."—Reuter.

JAPANESE INFLUX TO NORTH CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tientsin, To-day.

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"QUISLINGS WITHIN"

Neutrals Take Action Against Foreigners

THIRTY SHIPS DETAINED

London, To-day.
The Ministry of Economic Warfare announces that in view of the situation in Norway and Denmark, 30 ships are detained on orders from the Ministry, including 14 Norwegian, seven Danish and six Swedish.—Reuter.

GERMAN ATROCITIES IN POLAND

London, To-day.
An Anglo-Franco-Polish declaration, issued simultaneously by the French and British Governments last night, expresses the profound shock of the three Governments at reports of crimes committed by the German authorities in Poland.

The declaration states the crimes leave no doubt the German Government is bent on destroying not lives and property but also the cultural and religious existence of the defenceless Polish population and clearly reveal a policy aiming at the destruction of the Polish nation.

The declaration also refers to the "atrocious treatment inflicted on members of the Jewish community."

The three Governments make a formal public protest to the conscience of the world against the action of the German Government and its agents, and reaffirm their determination to right the wrongs thus inflicted on the Polish people.—Reuter.

PRECAUTIONS THROUGHOUT EUROPE

London, To-day.
THE "QUISLINGS WITHIN," or Nazi "Fifth Columnists" operating from within a country, continue to be the subject of much watchful care and attention by the various neutral countries. Here are some of the latest moves:—

Switzerland: The Basle police have arrested a man caught posting several mail-bags of German propaganda. He told them he was acting on the orders of the German Consulate and that, therefore, he claimed diplomatic immunity. He was released.

Guards have been placed over telegraph offices and bridges all over Switzerland, while reports from the frontier state that the German troops withdrawn last week have returned.

Yugoslavia: House-to-house searches are being conducted in several towns near the German frontier which contain a German minority.

A Belgrade communiqué announces severe measures against foreigners who spread leaflets from speeding motor-cars. The permits of all foreigners are to be revised. All will have to leave within 10 days unless they can prove that their presence benefits the Government.

Turkey: The Turkish Government has decided to expel a considerable number of foreigners. A careful watch is being kept on all foreigners coming from Central Europe under the guise of merchants, actors and tourists.

Belgium: The Belgian Government is reported to be setting up a large camp near Bruges in which to intern people who illegally cross the frontier into Belgium. More men have been called up to guard strategic points in the interior of the country.

Holland: A naturalised German engineer of Dutch birth was given a sentence yesterday of five years' imprisonment in Rotterdam. He was accused of having given a foreign government information about Dutch troop movements and Dutch ships.—Reuter.

Amsterdam Watch On Cafes And Hotels

Amsterdam, To-day.
The reintroduction of extraordinary leave in the army marks a slight alleviation of the tension in which Holland has been living for the past week.

However the tightening up on the home front has been given new impetus by continued revelations of how treachery helped the Germans capture Oslo, while the press repeats that such methods will not succeed in Holland.

The police are overhauling the system of checking up on all foreigners.

A special watch is kept on cafes and hotels and special attention paid to gatherings which the Nazis hope to hold at the week-end to celebrate Hitler's birthday.

The Rotterdam court yesterday passed a sentence of five years' imprisonment on a German-born Dutchman convicted of sending to Germany information about troop movements and shipping.—Reuter.

DOMALA BOMBING REVELATION

London, To-day.
The 143 Indian seamen on board the B.I. Domala (bombed by a German plane in the English Channel on March 2) who were being repatriated from Germany, were asked by the Nazis to give an undertaking not to serve in British ships.

Their united reply was that it was impossible to refuse.

The Nazis retorted that in that case they did not guarantee their safe arrival, and later the ship was bombed.

This was stated to the annual meeting yesterday of the Court of Governors of the Seamen's Hospital Society by the Indian High Commissioner, Sir Firoz Khan Noon. Sir Firoz added: "The Germans knew very well what was going to happen."—Reuter.

WANG COLLECTING INCOME TAX

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.
The Nanking regime has begun to collect income tax in the interior.

According to a decree signed by Wang Ching-wei the collection should have started on April 1.

Although Shanghai Chinese have never paid income tax previously, except on bank deposits, it is feared the Nanking authorities will seek to take over these receipts.—Havas.

AMMUNITION PLANE INTERNED

Stockholm, To-day.
A German aeroplane containing machine-guns and ammunition for the German troops in Norway has made a forced landing in Swedish territory 25 miles from Norway. The crew has been interned.—Reuter.

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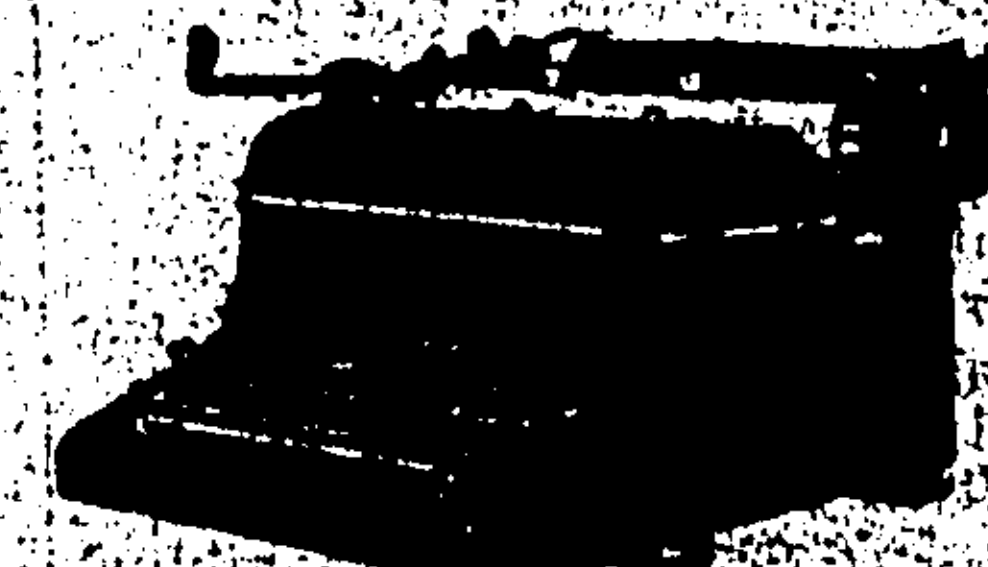
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Dr. Goebbels Discovers War Has Reached DECISIVE PHASE

Life And Death Struggle From Now On

London, To-day.

"THE WAR HAS NOW ENTERED the decisive phase," declared Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi Propaganda Minister, in a speech at the Berlin Sports Palast last night.

The British and French plutocracies, he said, would not hesitate to destroy the German people as a whole.

NAKED EXPANSION HINT

Washington, To-day.

Concern over what might happen to the Netherlands Indies if Holland is forced into war, is expressed in several newspapers.

The "Washington Post" calls the Japanese Foreign Minister's statement a unilateral declaration of expansionist policy.

The paper warns the United States of the danger to their supplies of rubber and tin if the islands are occupied by a nation with military and economic policies like those of Japan.

The "Times-Herald" says it is doubtful if the United States could defend the islands against a determined Japanese grabbing expedition.

"We could not defend the Philippines, and the Indies are further away. If the Dutch cannot hold the islands and the British cannot defend them we had better not try."—Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT WARNING WORDS

Sofia, To-day.
The newspaper "Mir," commenting on President Roosevelt's declaration, says: "Certain words should be written in letters of gold."

"There are also warning words which should be understood by those to whom they refer."—Reuter.

GERMANY'S CLAIMS

Berlin, To-day.

Nazi U-boats north-east of the Shetlands have sunk a British destroyer of the "Tribal" Class, German official sources claim, while German aeroplanes attacked British naval vessels, hitting a large transport, a submarine and a cruiser.

Two British planes were shot down on Monday, while "one German plane is missing."

A number of Norwegian torpedo-boats have been commissioned for service.—Reuter.

RUMANIA TO LEASE FORESTS TO REICH

Bucharest, To-day.

Rumania is to lease forests in the northern part of the country to Germany for a period of 30 years.

This lease was opposed by the Army, which said that the territory in question was valuable for national defence.

Army opposition was over-ruled when the Minister for Agriculture said that Rumania must reciprocate for the many benefits given her by the Reich.—Reuter.

FIGHTING GERMAN PEOPLE: LET THERE BE NO MISTAKE

London, To-day.

THREE SPEAKERS — MR. Anthony Eden (Dominions Secretary), Sir Neville Henderson (former Ambassador to Berlin) and Sir John Reith (Minister of Information) — made speeches yesterday about the war and Hitlerism.

Mr. Eden, addressing the Constitutional Club, London, said that Hitler was not a phenomenon but a symptom, a direct expression of a great part of Germany.

Sir John Reith, at Southampton, said that as 80,000,000 people in Germany were willing to submit to Nazi ideas, the British people were fighting the German people and there should be no mistake about it.

Sir Neville Henderson, at a London luncheon, said that Hitler's one consuming idea was not only to defeat Britain but the complete dispersion of the British Empire as well.

HYSTERICAL YOUTH
The hysterical German youth represented the most fanatical of Hitler's supporters. Internal revolution was out of the question so long as the Nazis were allowed to maintain their strangle-hold on the private life of every German citizen.

Sir John Reith said that the German youths had been taught since

their earliest years a deep hatred towards England and there could be no doubt that they would be ruthless and merciless towards this country.—Reuter.

ONE CONSUMING IDEA

"If I know Hitler at all, and his combination of megalomania and resentment, he has to-day but one consuming idea, namely, not only the defeat of Britain but also the destruction of the Empire," declared Sir Neville Henderson.

"The most fanatical of Hitler's supporters are among German youth, hypnotised as they have been for the last seven years by the Nazi doctrine of power politics and racial superiority, taught as they have been to disregard all Christian, moral and intellectual values."—Reuter.

SHANGHAI STORM BLOWS OVER

Shanghai, To-day.

Storms forecast for the annual meeting of the ratepayers of the Shanghai Municipal Council yesterday afternoon did not occur.

The expected Japanese opposition to the Council's budget failed to materialise. Thousands of ratepayers — there was a record attendance — listened to the orderly proceedings at the Race Course, where the meeting was held for the first time.

The accounts, including a proposal for a 50 per cent. increase in rates, were passed after a Japanese-sponsored amendment for enlarging the Economy Committee was adopted.

This amendment proposed that the committee appointed to examine the Council's finance should comprise two British members, two American, two Japanese, two Chinese, one Italian, one French, one Netherlander and one German.

Very warm speeches were made over the Council's "hardly annual" — the proposal that the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra should not be maintained by the Council. The orchestra's future for another year was assured when the motion was defeated.—Reuter.

WANG TALKS TO REUTER

Hankow, To-day.

The puppet government's desire to respect the legitimate interests of Third Powers but that in return it expected their co-operation was expressed by Wang Ching-wei in a statement to Reuter.

He declared that the abolition of extraterritoriality and the rendition of the foreign concessions would be fundamental policies but he assured Reuter that they would be achieved by peaceful methods.

Regarding the future status of railways all over China, he said that his government's principle aimed at the return of State-controlled institutions from foreign influence, with the exception, possibly, of North China.

The re-opening of the Yangtze to Hankow and even to Chungking was only a question of time but "it will be opened."—Reuter.

NAVIGATIONAL BANS ON DANUBE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

The International Commission on the Danube has decided to ban navigation to any ships which can be transformed into warships.

In addition, the personnel of all ships will be submitted to identity control at the entrance to all ports, all cargoes of arms and explosive materials will not be allowed to enter the Danube unless special authorisation from the bordering states is obtained, and the present customs regulations will be replaced by much stricter rules.—Havas.

FOREIGN PLANE FIRES ON THE BELGIANS

Brussels, To-day.

When a foreign plane flew over Belgian territory on Tuesday from the east and was fired on by Belgian anti-aircraft batteries, it returned the fire with its machine-guns.

One Belgian soldier was wounded. Enquiries have failed to reveal the nationality of the plane.—Reuter.

OSLO ISOLATED FROM THE NORTH: RACE IN NORWAY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SPEED IS AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR GOVERNING THE MILITARY OPERATIONS IN NORWAY, WRITES REUTER'S MILITARY CORRESPONDENT.

The Germans are trying to consolidate their position in the Oslo area so that they may turn their attention to Allied counter-attacks.

Tuesday's capture of Kongsvinger is of the greatest value to the invaders.

It means that Oslo is now isolated from the north and with the Swedish frontier at their backs the Germans are now reasonably safe from attack on two sides.

All eyes will now turn to the west where the Allied forces made a successful landing on the coast.—Reuter.

Fierce Fighting Near Swedish Border

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

A fierce battle has been taking place in the vicinity of the Norwegian-Swedish border between Norwegian and German forces.

It is believed the Germans have control of the Narvik railway.

The Swedes have interned a Norwegian company which crossed the border before the advancing Germans.

A Swedish Royal Proclamation recalls that belligerent warships are not allowed to enter Swedish ports except in case of emergency.

It is learned that another German plane has landed in Sweden; the crew have been interned.

Latest reports state that the Germans have captured Kongsvinger.—Havas.

Allies Consolidate

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The chief aim of the Allies at the moment seems to be to consolidate their position in northern Norway, commanding the North Atlantic routes and the communication lanes with Sweden, observers comment here.

Sweden, it is pointed out, will be considerably heartened by the presence of Allied troops so near to in case of an invasion.

It is thought that information about the land operations will not be available for a few days, although it is possible that details of naval activity—including "a few new results"—may be released to-day.—Havas.

Reinforcements Reach Nazis At Trondheim

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

It is confirmed here that contact has been established between Norwegian and Allied troops.

The Germans have sent reinforcements to the Trondheim area by air. It is probable the planes took off from Copenhagen airport or from airports in Jutland.

The Norwegian communique yesterday implicitly admitted the loss of the fortress of Kongsvinger. It adds that several German planes were brought down.—Havas.

Secrecy Preserved On Allied Landings

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Officials are silent regarding the landing of Allied troops in Norway, and merely state: "The operations are proceeding."

However, informed quarters assert that British, French and Canadian troops are carrying out extensive landing operations at certain points in Norway, the exact location of which will not be revealed for a few days.

General opinion is that the Norwegian resistance will give the Allies sufficient time to complete the landing operations, which will prevent the Germans reaching their objectives.—Havas.

Nazi Force Smaller Than Believed?

New York, To-day.

The "New York Times" states that according to information reaching officials in Washington, Germany has only 18,000 men in Norway, 17 transports being tied up in Denmark owing to the Allied mining, aeroplane and submarine activities.

Reports indicate that Germany intended to send 30,000 men but 8,000 were lost in transport sinkings.—Reuter.

Bloody Developments

London, To-day.

The Stockholm newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" refers to the British landing in Norway and considers it proof that the British pledge was no empty promise.

The "Social Demokraten" quotes the Nazi paper "Frankfurter Zeitung" that Germans honestly do not wish to shoot on Scandinavians.

The Danish paper says: "To judge the degree of honesty of these feelings perhaps it is sufficient to recall that German destroyers in Narvik sank Norwegian ships, drowning 500 men."

"This expressively illustrates German newspaper regrets at the bloody developments."

"Clearly the main regret is that the unprecedented Norwegian defence has caused the aggressor great losses."—Reuter.

Disembarkation Of Allied Troops Continues

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Disembarkation of British troops in Norway is going on regularly, although so far the Nazi radio has been silent about the matter.

German forces in Oslo are extending slowly the area under their control towards Sweden and along the Oslo Fjord.

The German Radio describes as an advance the retreat of the Germans from Narvik towards the Swedish border.

To date, there have been no indications that the parachute troops landed by Germany in Norway have met with any more success than did their Soviet counterparts in Finland.

The continued bombing of the places of refuge of King Haakon and his Government has aroused wide indignation. It looks as though the Germans are trying to revenge themselves for the fact that Norway was not handed over to them, bound hand and foot, by traitors.—Havas.

"Everything Quiet"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

Reports reaching here from Ringarsen, the first Swedish station on the famous Narvik-Lulea railway, state that everything seems quiet on the other side of the frontier.

It is believed the Germans now occupy Bjornsjell, four kilometres from the Swedish border.—Havas.

GERMAN LOSSES AT NARVIK

London, To-day.

While indirectly admitting that one-third of the crews of the seven German destroyers had lost their lives, the German High Command makes no mention of what happened to the destroyers themselves.

They also admit that British troops have landed near Narvik, but all these admissions are sandwiched in between the usual lavish claims of successes on land, sea and air.

From independent messages, it seems probable that the Germans have managed to make some headway, against strong Norwegian resistance, north of Oslo.—Reuter.

TRONDHEIM FOLLOWS STAVANGER

London, To-day.

An Air Ministry announcement says: "During Tuesday night Trondheim aerodrome was bombed by heavy bombers of the Royal Air Force."

"A large fire was seen to break out as result of this attack."

"Subsequently a bombing attack was also made on an enemy seaplane base in the vicinity."—Reuter.

TELEKI'S WARNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

Count Teleki, the Hungarian Premier, has told the members of the Government party that he has a decree calling for Parliament's dissolution and that he will not hesitate to use it if the need arises.—Havas.

BURGLAR FALLS TO DEATH

A body found outside No. 331, Hennessy Road early to-day, is believed to be that of a burglar who fell from the third floor during the night.

INTERVENTIONIST TALK IN U.S.

New York, To-day.

MR. CLAPPER, SYNDICATED columnist in the "World-Telegram," analyses the argument which, he says, is taking shape in the United States in favour of intervention to prevent Hitler ever coming to America.

The argument is analysed as follows: which would otherwise collapse?

Only the British navy and the French army stand in the way of the United States having to face demands by Hitler for Dutch and Danish possessions in this hemisphere, and if Hitler wins, the United States will have to choose between acquiescence while Germany takes what she wants of the spoils of war or using armed force to prevent her.

That can only be averted by the victory of the Allies.

What?

"Then what are we waiting for?" Mr. Clapper puts the question before he will accept the thesis, and he asks is it the United States interest indefinitely to maintain with military force the Allied superiority in Europe, now ready, it is said.—Reuter.

NAZIS TALK OF NEW U-BOAT BASES

Berlin, To-day.

The Germans claim to be building U-boat bases in lower Norway "which will be very useful in later stages of the conflict."

Coastal defences in Oslo Fjord are now ready, it is said.—Reuter.

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BLOCKADE MOVING TO PACIFIC

HINT OF ACTION TO CLOSE UP VLADIVOSTOK LEAK

London, To-day.

ENERGETIC ALLIED MEASURES are to be taken to prevent the passage of contraband goods across the Pacific to Soviet ports en route to Germany, according to official circles in London.

Figures now available indicate clearly the extraordinary increase in the volume of trade carried by the port of Vladivostok since the war.

As all evidence points to the fact that the increase in this traffic is not only greater than the combined imports into all Soviet harbours before the war but is also very much more than Soviet Russia needs for her own requirements, the conclusion is reached that imports on German account are being systematically conducted through this centre.

In 1938, the United States exported no rubber or tin to Soviet Russia, no molybdenum was sent her directly from the United States and only 50 tons of copper changed hands.

In the period from September, 1939, to March, 1940, however, between 60,000 and 70,000 tons of copper, 6,000 tons of rubber, 2,200 tons of tin, 1,600 tons of aluminium and 6,000,000 lbs. of molybdenum reached Russia from the United States.

U.S. ACTION

Since last February, however, the United States has taken action to stop her exports of tin and rubber to the Soviet.

A large amount of rubber and tin, additionally to that imported from the United States, has come from the Dutch East Indies.

Much of these goods goes firstly to Mexico and is then shipped to Vladivostok.

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In one case recently, tin was shipped from the Dutch East Indies to the free port on Staten Island, opposite New York, and then to Vladivostok.

The goods were carried in United States, Japanese, Italian and Norwegian vessels, as well as Soviet ships. Germany is also believed to be trying to develop the export trade via Vladivostok in the more valuable small articles such as precision instruments and dyes.—Reuter.

PRINCE CHRISAKTI OF SIAM ROBBED

London, To-day.

Jewellery worth several hundred sterling was stolen from the home of Prince Chrisakti of Siam at Virginia Water yesterday.

The Prince is the adopted son of the ex-King of Siam.—Reuter.

LOSS OF SUBMARINE, H.M.S. THISTLE

London, To-day.

IMMEDIATELY ALL RELATIVES of the officers and crews of H.M.S. Thistle, submarine, had been informed, the Admiralty announces that the vessel is considerably overdue and must now be presumed lost.

A submarine of just over 1,000 tons, she was operating in the North Sea and her normal complement is 53 men.

She was under the command of Commander W. F. Hazelwood.

At the beginning of the war, Britain had 57 submarines, apart from those being built, and this is the fifth to be lost.

In addition, she is also the fifth vessel to be lost since the war spread to Norway, the other four being the

destroyers Hardy, Hunter, Glowworm and Gurkha.

German propaganda circles now claim that Britain has lost 28 warships since April 9; this is, of course, false.—Reuter.

The other submarine losses were Oxley, destroyed by internal explosion in the early days of the war, and Starfish, Undine and Seahorse, all of which were lost in the course of operations in the Heligoland Bight in January.—British Wireless.

VICTORY ON AGRICULTURE FRONT

London, To-day.

Farmers in Britain, working in the worst ploughing season in living memory, have won a great victory on the agricultural front.

Two million acres which the Agriculture Ministry ploughing campaign aimed at, are almost certain to be exceeded, 1,900,000 acres of grassland having already been prepared for seed.

The resulting increase in cereal crops is estimated to effect the saving of two million tons of shipping space.

The March census of cattle population which was a record at the outbreak of war shows a slight rise and the number of sheep, also very high, has not perceptibly diminished.

The decline in pig and poultry figures has been far less than even the Agriculture Ministry expected in view of the feeding-stuffs position.

12,000 NEW TRACTORS

Tractors on Farms have been increased since last June by over 12,000, or nearly 25 per cent., and it is estimated by next harvest 70,000 will be at work.

The ends of the earth have been successfully combed for binders, thrashing machines and other implements.

The fertiliser position is immensely more favourable than in the last war when potash, for example, was unobtainable. Thanks to reserves laid in and the transference of the potash mines in Alsace to the French, considerably larger quantities are now available than used before the war.

Supplies of seed corn are in excess of national requirements.

Over £7,000,000 is being spent on drainage which extends from dredging great rivers to work on smaller water-courses of which 350 schemes have been approved since the war began.—British Wireless.

'SCHARNHORST' CRIPPLED

Stockholm, To-day.

The German battleship Scharnhorst is lying damaged with her stern under water in Rissa Creek, near Trondheim, Reuter was told by a trustworthy person who has just arrived here from Norway.

Another German cruiser is aground in Trondheim harbour where there are also three destroyers, according to the same source. — Reuter.

ITALY ASKED TO CLARIFY POLICY

London, To-day.

WELL-INFORMED LONDON circles comment on the general tone of the Italian press, and point out that the balance of power at sea has been greatly changed since Germany's heavy losses around Norway and that the Allies are now stronger in the Mediterranean than they were a week ago.

This satisfaction is increased by the knowledge that these naval forces in the Mediterranean are supported by the powerful land forces in the Near East, which are ready for anything, together with the forces of Turkey. — Reuter.

Gayda's Violent Attack On Britain

Rome, To-day.

A sharp attack on what is described as Britain's claim to dominate the Mediterranean is made by Signor Gayda, writing in "Giornale d'Italia."

Gayda declares England has always pursued a policy in the Mediterranean aimed at ensuring in the most solid manner her power and hegemony exclusively in the service of her imperial interests.

After Versailles, Britain and France stifled the expansion of Italy in the Mediterranean.

England is not a Mediterranean nation, however much she may claim to dominate this sea, whose only legitimate value to her is that it is a direct route to her Empire. — Reuter.

Frank Warning By Mr. Ronald Cross

London, To-day.

Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister for Economic Warfare, in a speech at Sheffield yesterday, said he believed Italy wished to be treated as a neutral, but if that was so, this country must ask her to behave as a neutral.

The Italian press had adopted a hostile tone towards Britain. We wished no quarrel with her but we were a plain dealing and plain speaking people and wanted to know where we stood with her.

Mr. Cross expressed the opinion that within the next month Germany might attack Sweden.

She could not get iron ore from other quarters than Sweden and could not overlook the fact that British troops were in Narvik and would stay there.

Mr. Cross urged Sweden not to be taken by surprise.

"We are ready to give any help if she is attacked but we must ask her to do everything possible to help herself." — Reuter.

Italian Ambitions

Berlin, To-day.

Italian ambitions are being given another airing in the Italian press, and this campaign is being closely watched in Berlin, which is paying special attention to any reports of Italian claims.

One paper, however, comes in for unfavourable mention. This is the Vatican City paper "Osservatore Romano," which is hauled over the

coals by the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung."

The German paper complains that the "Osservatore Romano" favours the Allied cause, contrary to what Berlin imagines is the real feeling of the Italian people. — Reuter.

Mussolini's Line Of Thought

ROME, TO-DAY.

WHILE SIGNOR MUSSOLINI HAS CANCELLED HIS SPEECH FOR SATURDAY, HIS READING OF EVENTS SEEMS TO BE CLEAR FROM THE LINE TAKEN BY THE ITALIAN PRESS.

The sole exception is the Turin paper "La Gazzetta del Popolo," which has been allowed to print a London interview with Admiral Sir Roger Keyes about the recent naval battles.

There have been signs in the past 24 hours of a more balanced attitude, but generally it looks as though the Italian newspapers were told to accept the Nazi point of view. German claims are given pride of place, Nazi excuses are echoed, and Allied achievements—such as the mining of the Baltic—are mocked at and belittled. — Reuter.

RAILWAY FARES TO BE INCREASED

London, To-day.

Railway fares in Britain are to be increased by 10 per cent from May 1, 1940, to meet increased working costs arising out of war conditions. — Reuter.

THREAT TO BALKANS

NO CHANGE IN HITLER TACTICS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The "News Chronicle" reports from Budapest that Germany has decided to try and break the Allied blockade of south-eastern Europe and "preparatory steps" have been made in Hungary, Yugo-Slavia and Rumania.

This recalls in striking fashion the preparations which preceded the seizure of Czecho-Slovakia.

Three hundred German "tourists" have arrived in Budapest and the Danubian region, while large numbers are circulating throughout the Balkans.

Some of them have been identified as members of the Gestapo who were present in Prague prior to the German march into the Czech capital. — Havas.

CONTRABAND CONTROL

London, To-day.

On April 16 there were 58 ships in United Kingdom contraband control bases. In addition 30 ships are detained on orders from the Ministry of Economic Warfare in view of the situation in Norway and Denmark.

During the week ended April 13 the contraband committee considered the cargoes of 72 ships which had arrived since April 6 and 55 outstanding cargoes from the previous week. In 24 cases the entire cargoes were released either on first consideration or after enquiries.

During the week 43 cases were dealt with under the system of advance copy manifest, 10 ships being released subject to formal checking of the original manifest. — British Wireless.

MORE NAZIS ARRIVE AS PRISONERS

London, To-day.

On Tuesday night 48 German sailors were landed at a Scottish port. They are believed to be the crew of a scuttled ship. — Reuter.

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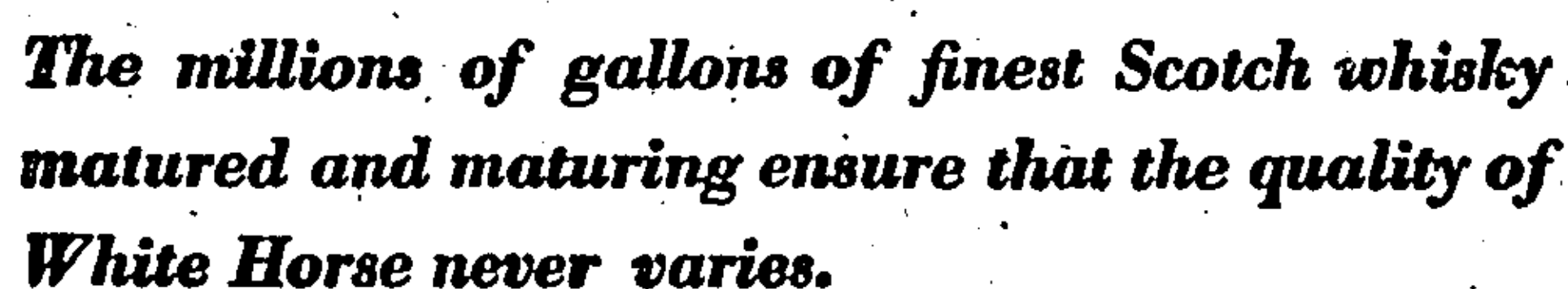
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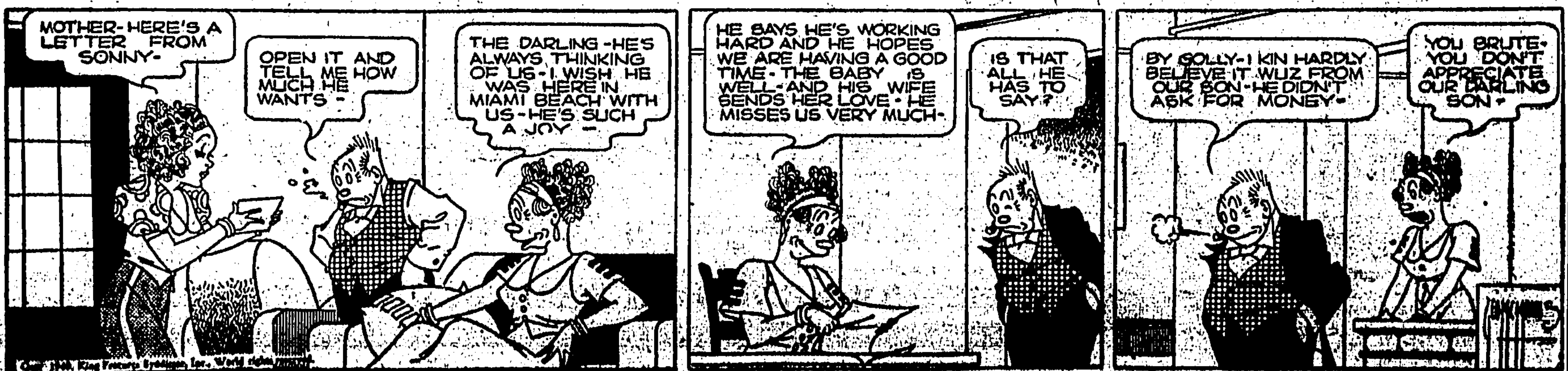
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INEXPENSIVE SATISFYING

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By George McManus



HITLER WILL BE SCUTTLED

A prediction that when the Germans have been put in their place Hitler would "scuttle" himself, was made by Mr. Jan Masaryk, formerly Czechoslovakian Minister in London, when he addressed the British and North American Luncheon Club. "The Germans are terribly stupid," he declared. "The fact that Ribbentrop spoke to Mr. Bismarck in German was the most fantastically stupid thing imaginable. He speaks English as well as I do."

AMAH WINS APPEAL

AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING, YUE AH KIU OF NO. 7 CROSS STREET, SUCCESSFULLY APPEALED AGAINST THE CONVICTION OF DECEMBER 14 WHEN SHE WAS FINED \$25 FOR RECEIVING \$750 ON BEHALF OF LI AH YUE AND FRAUDULENTLY CONVERTING SAME TO HER USE AND BENEFIT.

Appellant was convicted by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Court on December 14 and the grounds of appeal were that the conviction was against the weight of evidence during the hearing of the proceedings, that there was no evidence or not sufficient evidence on which to found the said conviction, and lastly that appellant was not guilty of the offence.

Mr. Harold Lee instructed by Mr. Kwan was for the appellant while Mr. E. H. Williams appeared for the Crown.

After Mr. Lee had made submissions, the Chief Justice said that the charge had been altered from the sum of \$1,500 to \$750. At first sight it appeared that appellant had a right to the share of the ticket and it would have been better if the Magistrate had given a chance of cross-examination of the Crown witness after the alteration of the charge.

As regards the \$750, His Lordship said that he could find no authority for him to make an order.

It was not common ground that the money belonged to complainant and it seemed a case for a civil action. He ordered that the money be kept for some time and that if no civil action was taken for return of same an application was to be made by appellant.

The case arose out of the winnings of the Kwang Tung Handicap Sweep in October last when a syndicate of amahs won the prize. The dispute arose over one share of the winning prize.

MENACING LETTER

BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, CHAN YEE-MING, 19, PLEADED GUILTY TO A CHARGE OF DEMANDING \$10,000 WITH MENACES FROM A WEALTHY MERCHANT, TSENG TSYE-KA, ON APRIL 10.

Det-Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin told the Court that a letter was received by Mr. Tseng demanding the \$10,000. The matter was reported to the Police, and Mr. Tseng was told to ignore the letter. Another letter was received on April 14, threatening Mr. Tseng if he did not pay.

Later that day, during a telephone conversation, a bargain was agreed at \$1,000, to be put in an envelope and delivered to a hotel in the Central district.

A Chinese detective was sent ahead and when the messenger gave the money to defendant, he was arrested.

Defendant, formerly a student, said that he acted under stress of poverty. Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

I STAY WITH A GERMAN FAMILY

(Continued from Page 10)

"He isn't mine!"
"Theirs, then; we all know what he wants us and the rest of the world to believe. We got it in millions of leaflets, daily almost. But that's propaganda. We know what to expect if we lose."

"And the radio?"
"I haven't got a radio. I hate the thing."

"Is it true that it is really dangerous to listen to foreign transmission?"
"Dangerous! Is it dangerous to motor at 40 miles an hour in London? There is a rule about it and it has to be respected. If you don't you face the consequences. That is all. It is a matter of discipline."

I could hardly imagine Heinrich was the same man who, only two years previously, had been so impatient about being made into a soulless machine and had told me with impotent rage of the Calvary of his family, of the indignities inflicted on his brother-in-law, of the way the Anschluss had been prepared and carried out in Austria, of the wanton uselessness of it all.

HERO AT A PARTY

That same evening I was taken to a coming-of-age party for the son of a neighbour. Everybody was taking along elaborately-packed parcels, and I suggested that I might go to the town and buy something. But there was no time; so, on Heinrich's suggestion, I sacrificed two pairs of my best new socks.

It was a very young party. That branch of the family was "pure," so practically every male was in uniform.

There was a picture of Hitler wreathed in laurel leaves, and on the piano, one of Hess, autographed.

For the rest, quite a jolly party. We sang, we danced, we drank rather sticky sekt. The boy—in the uniform of an artillery second-lieutenant, with a cropped head and an incredibly pink, round face—was the hero of the party, naturally. The fact that on the morrow he was to leave for somewhere in Poland gave an added significance to the festivities.

Of the young people's opinion on more momentous matters I could, of course, gather nothing; besides they were all so fresh from their various schools that all they would have done would be to recite by heart some speeches by the prophets of the new philosophy.

It is of no use searching in Germany for unorthodox undergraduate points of view a la Oxford Union. It never did exist much and, at the present moment, I should imagine it would be strangled at birth.

One buxom young girl asked me gaily if I had any new records in my luggage.

I must say that the local supply was poor and elderly. The most recent foreign additions were, I should say, the plaintive "Little Sir Echo," and the bolsters "Lambeth Walk."

SHE LIKES THE ENGLISH

An old colonel with the Iron Cross and a dozen more ribbons cornered me.

"When are the British going to attack us?" I was going to disclaim any knowledge of War Office plans when he answered the question himself.

"Never! Our defensive line . . . (this were for five minutes) . . . their boasted dominion of the seas . . . (another five minutes) . . . love for Poland—indeed . . . (three more minutes) . . . and now that they have lost hope of dragging in Belgium and Holland and Sweden and Norway . . . (that might have lasted an hour) only a young thing dragged me mercifully away to join in a sort of barn-dance to the strains of a cracked record of the "Palais Glide")."

"He is the biggest bore on earth," she confided, "but he has still got a bullet in his neck from the last war. So you see he never stops ranting." Then after a silence she sighed: "Personally I like the English. I met a young man last year at Wiesbaden. He had such nice manners . . . he was such a darling."

These were the only kind words about England I heard during the whole of my stay in Germany.

BATTERY SMOKER

A highly successful smoking concert was held last night by members of First Battery, Corps Artillery, to celebrate the winning of the Artillery Cup, Governor's Cup and the Champion Trophy (for the best layer).

Speeches were delivered by the battery commander, Captain J. Watson, and Sergeant-Major Makel, to whom a presentation was made by the Battery in recognition of his unstinted labours and valued association with the Battery's training.

CAINE RD. STRUGGLE

Miss Goke, of No. 21, Broadwood Road, walking in Caine Road yesterday afternoon, was brutally kicked by a Chinese who attempted to snatch her handbag. Miss Goke struggled with the man, and was severely kicked before he ran away.

BABY BADLY HURT

A three-months-old baby, Chung Po-ha, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday for a fractured skull, after she had fallen from the arms of her mother in Nathan Road.

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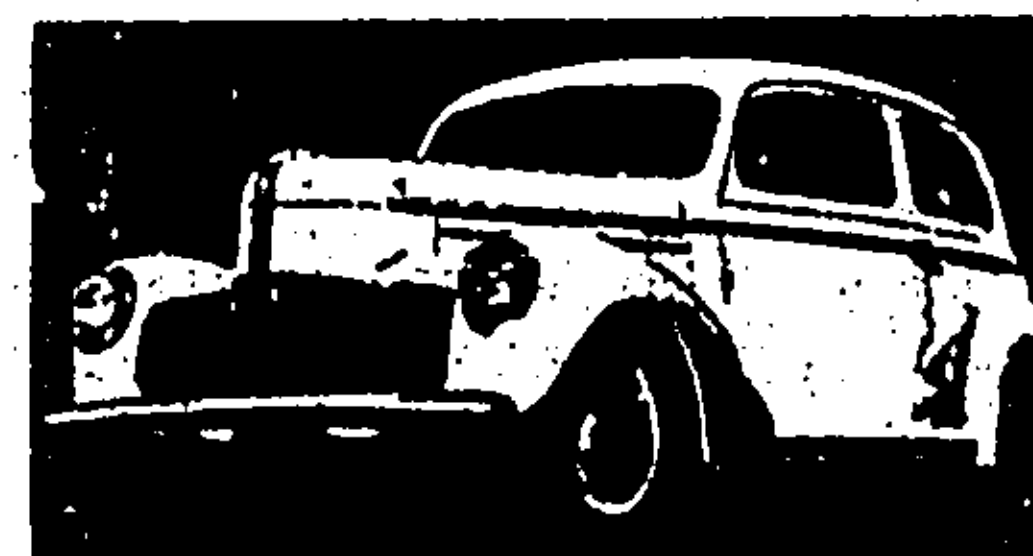
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NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

"JAPAN HAS AS MUCH RIGHT TO WORRY ABOUT THE PEACE OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES AS THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND OTHER NATIONS HAD TO WORRY ABOUT WHEN JAPAN BROKE THE PEACE IN CHINA," WRITES THE "HERALD-TRIBUNE" CRITICISING THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S DECLARATION.

The paper adds that Japan has not to rely on products of raw materials from the Indies as have the United States and Britain.

"Japan has been a major disturber of the peace in East Asia for 10 years and her claims to extend her police power southward beyond and around the Philippines can bring her only American derision and resentment."—Havas.

COTTON SUPPLIES ADEQUATE

London, To-day.

The Cotton Controller announces there need be no anxiety regarding supplies of raw cotton. Since the war began the cotton industry has become one of the most fortunate of British industries in this respect. Although immediately before the war cotton stocks were unusually low, total supplies at present are equal to over eight months consumption at the present rate. In America the cotton stock was even greater than this for all principal growths supplied were substantial. — British Wireless.

NAVY SHELLS STAVANGER

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announces: "Stavanger Aerodrome was subjected to a heavy bombardment by our naval forces for one hour and twenty minutes early yesterday morning. When these forces were returning from this operation, a cruiser was hit by a bomb and received some damage, but is continuing on her course to her base."—British Wireless.

MITSUI PARTNERSHIP TO EXPLOIT CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

Development of trade in Manchukuo, Inner Mongolia and China, particularly the Yangtse Basin, with a view to facilitating the establishment of the New Order in East Asia, is the avowed purpose of a reorganised Mitsui-Gomei partnership.

Effective from August, the Mitsui-Gomei will be absorbed into the Mitsui and will carry on business along new lines of national policy.

This is a great departure from the traditional Mitsui activities.—Havas.

MOVES BY AXIS IN BALKANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

Yugo-Slav public opinion, as well as the General Staff, is considerably worried over the arrival of several thousand Italian "labourers" in Albania, as well as by news reaching here describing extensive military preparations throughout Italy, notably in Trieste.

Reports of the massing of German troops along the Carinthian frontier have also been received, as well as rumours of the reinforcement of Nazi forces on the Slovakian and Hungarian borders, all of which is contributing to the feeling of general uneasiness in Yugo-Slavia.—Havas.

MALAYA'S GIFT TO THE FRENCH ARMY

London, To-day.

Princess Alice, as patron of the British committee for the French Red Cross, has accepted a gift of mobile laboratory units from the Malay States.

A special reception was given at the French Embassy yesterday by M. Corbin, the French Ambassador, who described the gift as "extraordinarily generous." He pointed out there would be one unit for each army corps. — Reuter.

DAWN ACTIVITY ON THE WESTERN FRONT

London, To-day.

The French official evening communique states: "Towards the end of last night, there was activity of contact units in the region west of the Vosges."—British Wireless.

SENATE SECRET SESSION ADJOURNS

Paris, To-day.

The secret meeting of the Senate adjourned until 9.30 this morning.

During to-day's meeting the Premier, M. Reynaud, will make a statement in public session.—Reuter.

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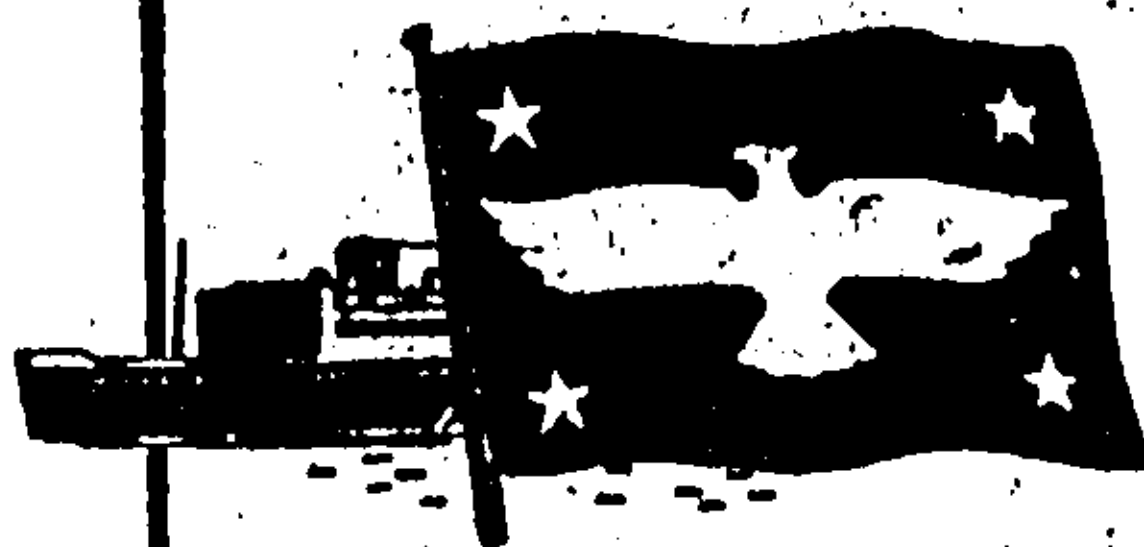
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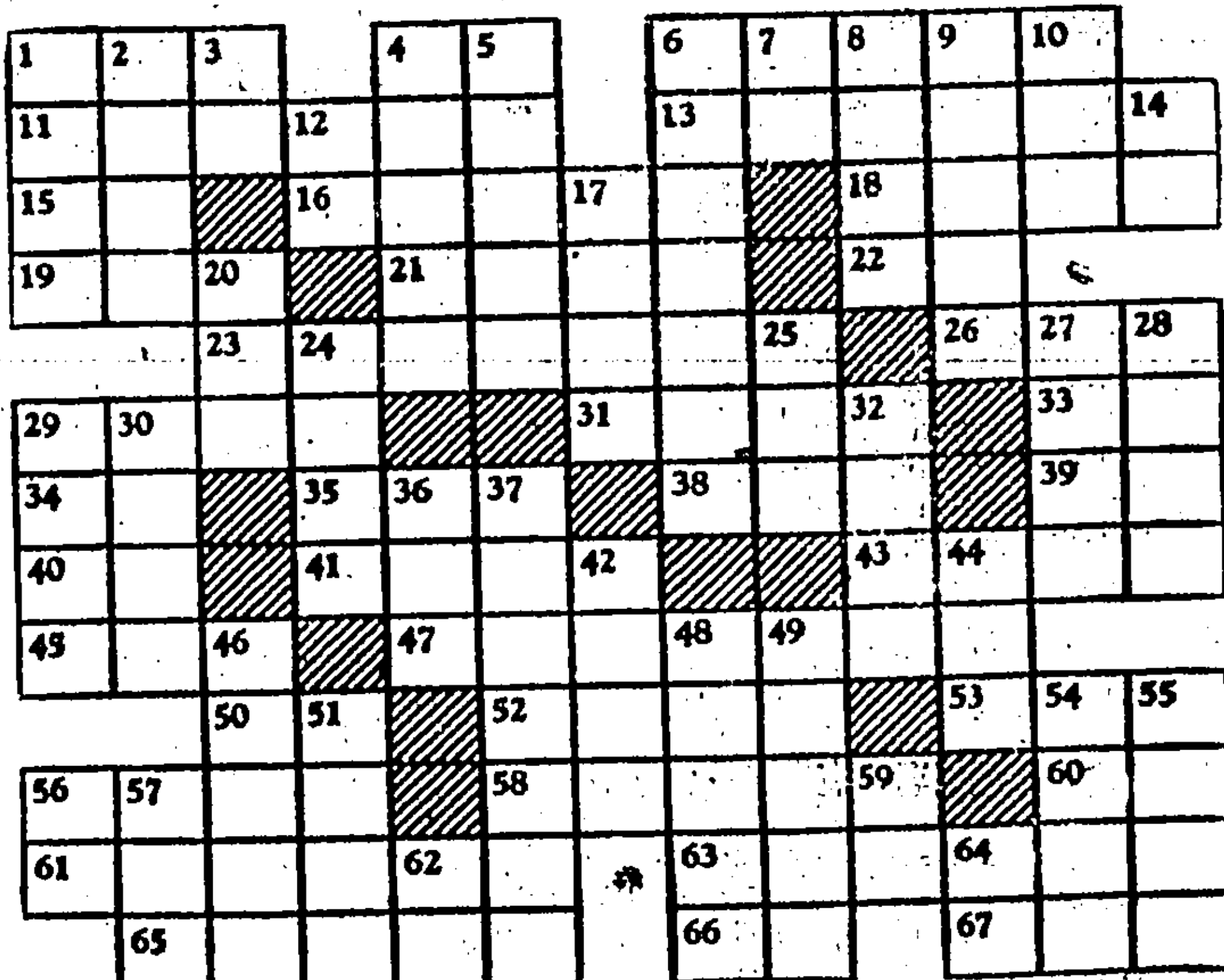
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- 13 Moorish drum
- 15 Symbol for iridium
- 16 Ancient tower
- 18 Stick for jumping
- 19 English river
- 21 To fight
- 22 Spanish for "yes"
- 23 Slag
- 26 Regulation
- 29 To fasten
- 31 Branches of learning
- 33 To exist
- 34 Preposition
- 35 Mountain peak
- 38 Split pulse
- 39 Note of scale
- 40 Symbol for calcium
- 41 Ancient Irish capital
- 45 To declare
- 46 Bitter vetch
- 47 To transmit

VERTICAL

- 50 Pronoun
- 52 Ledge
- 53 Indian memorial post
- 56 Algerian seaport
- 58 Conceptional
- 60 Sun god
- 61 Vehement
- 63 Eskimo women's boats
- 65 Mode
- 66 Parent
- 67 To request

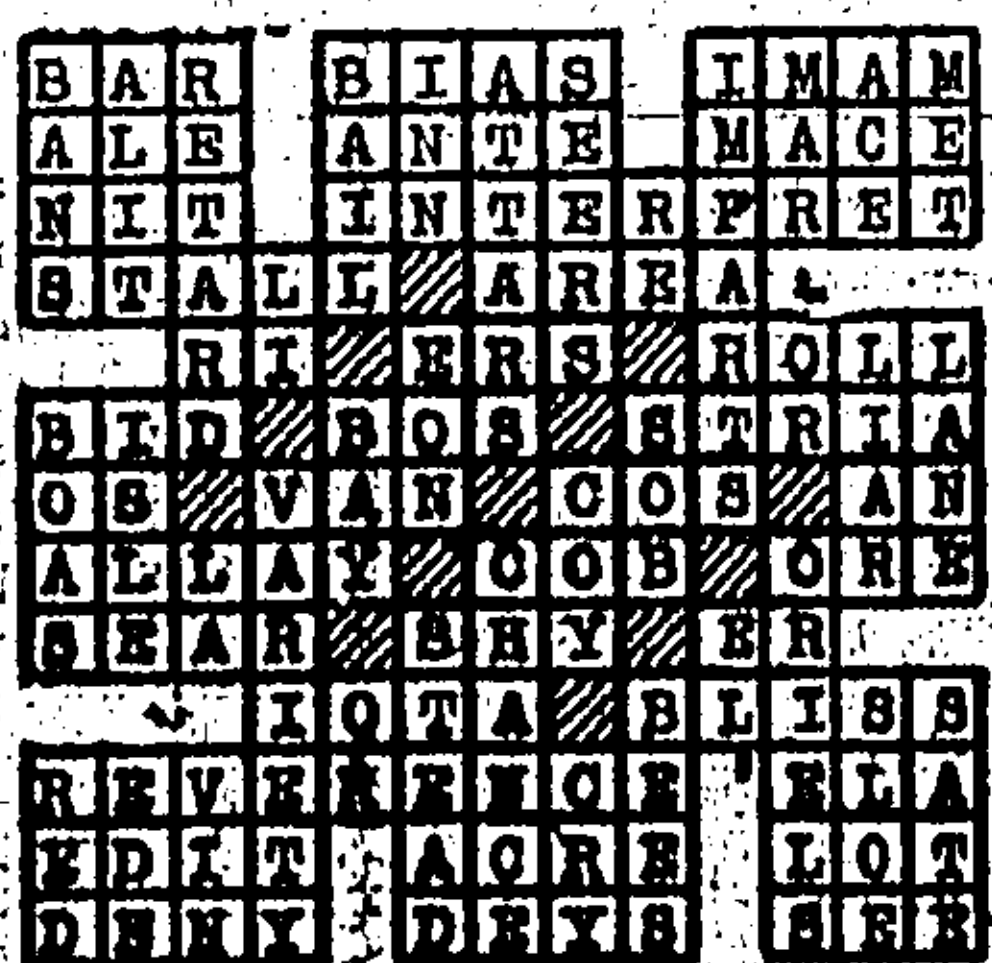
VERTICAL

- 1 Biting
- 2 To venture
- 3 Siberian river
- 4 Mexican cottonwood
- 5 Sword
- 6 Wild duck
- 7 By
- 8 Drinks
- 9 Steaming
- 10 Cloth

VERTICAL

- 12 Hebrew month
- 14 Exclamation
- 17 Lamb's pen-name
- 20 Worm
- 24 Conversation
- 25 Greek letter
- 27 Competent
- 28 Apparel
- 29 Pike
- 30 South American armadillo
- 32 European
- 36 Youth
- 37 To exercise oversight
- 42 Greedy
- 44 To annoy
- 46 To sting
- 48 Oil
- 49 Beast of burden
- 51 Selfish grudging
- 54 Barges
- 55 Labour
- 56 Concerning
- 57 Things, in law
- 59 Chinese measure
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SHOOTING INCIDENT IN SHEUNGSHUI

A Chinese detective shot and seriously wounded a motor-lorry driver in Sheungshui District, New Territories, yesterday afternoon.

The detective has been taken into custody by his superiors pending further investigations while the driver is lying in a serious condition in the Kowloon Hospital.

It is learned that the driver was involved in a fight with the owner of two large baskets one of which was run over by the motor-lorry. The detective is alleged to have attempted to part the two men, and to have drawn and fired his revolver after the driver had snatched away his electric torch.

NAZI STEAMERS IN DUTCH EAST INDIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day. It is declared here that 19 German steamers have taken refuge in the Dutch Indies, their total tonnage amounting to 121,000 tons.

The ships are scattered between seven ports and one of them, the "Nordmark," had its freight seized in port as the owners were unable to pay harbour dues.—Havas.

BRIBE CHARGE AGAINST P.W.D. MEN

Two Public Works Department foremen were before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, charged with obtaining a bribe of \$20 each from Chu Lam at Pokfulam Reservoir yesterday.

Mr. M. A. da Silva pleaded not guilty on their behalf.

Defendants were remanded, on bail of \$1,000 each.

Det. Sub-Inspector O'Donovan is in charge of the case.

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Bank of East Asia \$73 b.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$497½ b., \$500 sa.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$171 b.

SHIPPING

H.K. Steamboats \$10¾ b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. and K. Wharves \$99½ sa.
H.K. Docks cum Rts. \$21¾ b., \$22 s.

H.K. Docks Ex. Rts. \$19.40 b.
Providents \$4.35 b.

MINING

H.K. Mines 4 cts. sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H.K. and S. Hotels \$4.70 sa., X.D.
H.K. Lands \$36¾ b.

H.K. Realities \$4.40 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$17.85 b., \$18 s., \$17.90 sa.

H.K. Electrics \$65.40 b.

Macao Electrics \$22¼ b.

Sandakan Lights \$28.40 b., \$28.40/- 28½ sa.

Telephones (New) \$10 b.

INDUSTRIALS

H.K. Ropes \$5½ b.

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Dairy Farms \$21½ b.

Watsons \$9.35 b.

Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$1 b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$8.80 b.

LAST DAY'S SALES

20 H.K. Banks @ \$1510
100 Unions @ \$500
200 Trams @ \$17.90
300 Wharves @ \$99½
500 Telephones (Old) @ \$28.40
400 Telephones @ \$28½
12,500 H.K. Mines @ 4 cts.

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. .12 sa.
Atoks Ps. .17 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. .20 sa.
Batong Buhay Ps. .01 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 5.25 b.
Big Wedge Ps. .18 b.
Coco Grove Ps. .08¾ sa.
Consol. Mines Ps. .003 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .08½ b.
East Mindanao Ps. .09½ sa.
I.X.L. Ps. .32 b.
Ipo Gold Ps. .09½ b.
Itogons Ps. .21½ sa.
Masbates Ps. .09 b.
Mind. Mother Lode. Ps. .09 sa.
Mine Operation Ps. .09 sa.
North Camarines Ps. .047 b.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .17 b.
San Mauricio Ps. .63 sa.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .18 b.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .12 sa.
Syndicate Inv. Ps. .017 b.
United Paracales Ps. .22½ sa.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.
London silver was quoted at 20-15/16 for spot and 20-13/16 for forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at 3.49-5/8.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, the 22nd. APRIL, 1940 commencing at 11.00 a.m.

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PUPPET GENERAL RESIGNS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
PEIPING, TO-DAY.

GENERAL TSUI PEI-TEH, COMMANDER OF THE 2ND ANTI-COMINTERN ROUTE ARMY, HAS RESIGNED.

The army was created with the help of Shih Chia-chuang and the co-operation of the Japanese forces to operate against guerrillas.

General Kao Teh-lin, commander of the 1st Anti-Comintern Route Army, has been appointed to succeed General Tsui.—Havas.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

At the request of Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey, Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning remanded three junk people for three days on a charge of manslaughter of Chong Kwai on Tuesday.

They are Fung Han, 28, seaman, of cargo boat, No. 440V, Wong Kuen-shiu, 28, master, of cargo boat, No. 3734V and Lo Kan, 25, seaman, of Kwong Sam launch.

No facts were given this morning.

WARRANT FOR ARREST OF A WOMAN

Failing to appear at Central Magistracy this morning, a 31-year-old woman, Chan Ying-ling, had bail of \$100 estreated by Mr. R. Edwards. She was charged with giving false information to the Police, alleging that she had been robbed of \$1,250 in National Currency.

A warrant was issued for her arrest.

Det. Sergt. Brooks is in charge of the case.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone remains over North China, Japan and the neighbouring seas, pressure being highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 20th April, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

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**FOUR MONTHS' PRISON
SENTENCE ON ONSLOW**

Charles Onslow, 40, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when found guilty of demanding money with menaces and obtaining money by false pretences.

Defendant obtained \$30 from a fish dealer, Leung Cheuk, by pretending that he was sent by Mr. H. A. Taylor of the Imports and Exports Department. He was also alleged to have demanded that \$3 be paid to him monthly from December last.

Detective Sergeant Cullinan conducted the prosecution.

**I.R.C. BOWLS
TEAM**

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club against the Hong Kong Electric R.C. in a friendly bowls match at Sookunpoo on Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.

A. H. Rumjahn, A. G. Suffiad, A. O. Madar and M. Y. Adal (Skip).
A. K. Suffiad, A. H. Madar, A. M. Wahab and A. K. Minu (Skip).
S. O. Bux, R. Nazarin, A. Bakar and A. R. Minu (Skip).

**CHINESE SCORE SECOND
VICTORY IN MANILA**

Manila, Monday.—The fast stepping and powerful Eastern Chinese Athletic Association football eleven from Hong Kong last night literally smothered the helpless La Granja by the one sided score of 7 to 1. A crowd of approximately 6,000 fans mostly from the Chinese community, saw the visitors win their second game here in as many starts. Three more games remain on their Manila playing schedule.

The visitors demonstrated a bagful of tricks and fielded a well-balanced, smooth-clicking combination that bewildered the La Granja players. The Hong Kong stars completely out-classed the local contingent, in all departments of the game.

The Chinese forwards wrought havoc on the La Granja defence, breaking through at will. V. K. Hyul, at inside left, scored two goals; Tsui Ah Fai, heady Eastern Chinese centre forward, Hau Ching To, tricky outside left, Chung Yung Sum, who covered the left wing, Chan Kam Hoi, inside left, and N. Z. Lee, left back, contributed one goal each.

The Chinese started the game at a terrific pace, scoring two goals within the first two minutes of play. The Chinese got the kick-off and manoeuvred the ball to scoring position near the goal. After a series of passes, V. K. Hyul, inside left, dashed in and scored.

With La Granja still bewildered by the swiftness of the Eastern Chinese attack, the Chinese continued to bombard their opponents' goal. The visitors encountered only half-hearted opposition from the La Granja crew. Tsui Ah Fai, at centre forward, found the range, and scored the second Chinese tally.

Thereafter, the Chinese exerted little or no pressure in their offensive and passed the ball around. The La Granja forwards made several tries but were not able to pierce the Chinese defence line. In the closing minutes of the first half, Hau Ching To made the count, 3 to nil, when he eased past the La Granja right back and sent the ball zooming into the net.

At the start of the second half, Tsang Chung Wan substituted for Kong Sin Kin, while Lee Tak Kee entered for Tsui Ah Fai.

The La Granja eleven scored their lone tally at the opening of the second half. A. Morales, at inside left, dribbled past the Chinese fullbacks and manoeuvred it near the goal. He drew Goalie Heng out of position and then took a long shot that went between the unguarded goalposts for the only La Granja tally of the game.

From this point on, the Chinese tightened up their play and never gave the La Granja players an opening while their forwards scored four successive goals.

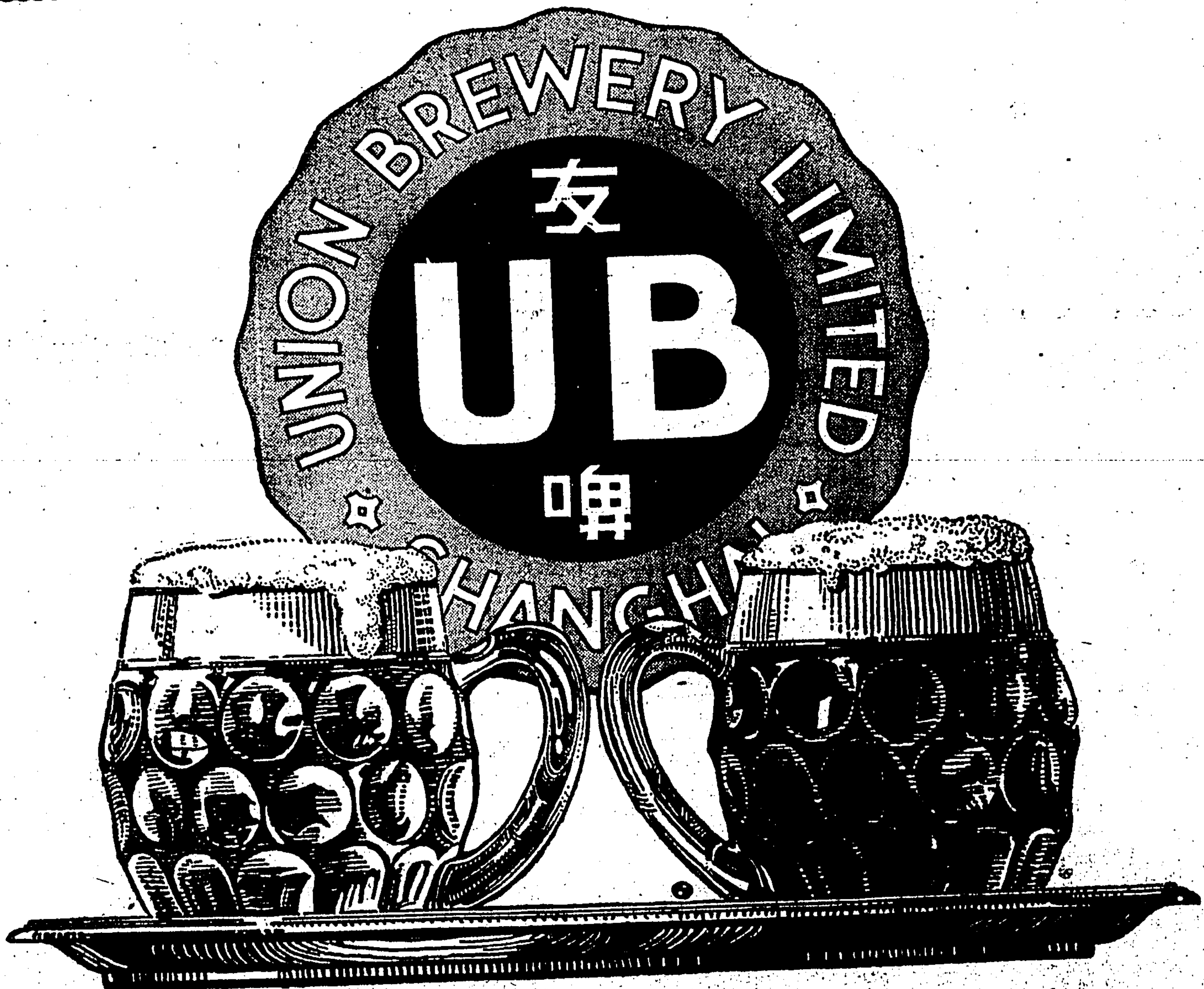
Chung Yung Sum started the slaughter when he dribbled the ball down the field and scored on a long kick. Chan Kam Hoi followed with another marker and N. Z. Lee and V. K. Hyul ended the game by



The young blade who feels he can conquer the world in one swift stride generally finds himself being tripped up.

contributing one goal each.

The Chinese line-ups last night was:—
Eastern:—Tsui Heng; Kong Sin King, N. Z. Lee; Hsu King Shing, Lo Wai Kuon, Woo Ki Cheong; Chung Yung Sum, Chan Kam Hoi, Tsui Ah Fai, V. K. Hyul, Hau Ching To.
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ON SATURDAY

The play-off between Indian Recreation Club and Police Recreation Club for the Junior Cricket title will not be played on Saturday as was anticipated. The League authorities have been unable to secure a ground but hope to be able to do so on Saturday week, April 27.

D.B.S. SPORTS

LARGE
VICTOR
LUDORUM

Annual athletic meeting of Diocesan Boys' School was held yesterday. Individual championships were won by C. Large (Senior), Tan Kok-liang (Middle) and George Guest (Junior).

Results:

- 100 Yards (Senior):—1, C. Large; 2, H. Wong; 3, C. Kotewall. Time: 11 secs.
High Jump (Middle):—1, E. Read; 2, Cheng; 3, Chan Sing-chung and Leung Yuen. Height: 4ft. 6ins.
880 Yards (Senior):—1, C. Large; 2, J. Macauley; 3, Hsu Yuan-yo. Time: 2 mins. 24 2/5 secs.
Three-Legged Race (Middle):—1, Chan Sing-chung and S. Churn; 2, E. Read and E. Cheng; 3, L. Lim and T. Ho.
High Jump (Junior):—1, G. Guest; 2, J. Cheng and Cheng Shu-shing. Height: 3ft. 9ins.
100 Yards (Middle):—1, Tan Kok-liang; 2, E. Cheng; 3, G. Lowcock. Time: 13 secs.
Junior:—1, G. Guest; 2, F. Lee; 3, P. Muggford. Time: 13 4/5 secs.
High Jump (Junior):—1, E. Mazuza; 2, Chan Shu-fan; 3, S. Hall and J. Macauley. Height: 5 ft. 1 1/2 ins.
880 Yards (Middle):—1, Tan Kok-liang; 2, B. Lim; 3, Wong Wei-yang. Time: 2 mins. 29 2/5 secs.
Sack Race (Junior):—1, P. Yew; 2, G. Guest; 3, F. Lee.
Club Relay:—1, Green; 2, Yellow; 3, Blue. Time: 3 mins. 4 secs.
220 Yards (Junior):—1, G. Guest; 2, F. Lee; 3, Cheung Siu-sing. Time: 33 secs.
(Middle):—1, Tan Kok-liang; 2, F. Cheung; 3, E. Read. Time: 30 3/5 secs.
Senior:—1, C. Large; 2, J. Macauley; 3, W. Young. Time: 26 1/5 secs.
Long Jump (Junior):—1, G. Guest; 2, F. Lee; 3, P. Muggford. Distance: 13 ft. 3 ins.
440 Yards (Senior):—1, J. Macauley; 2, Hsu Yuan-yo; 3, C. Large. Time: 59 2/5 secs.
Long Jump (Middle):—1, Chan Sing-chung; 2, E. Read; 3, B. Lim. Distance: 15 ft. 3 ins.
Obstacle Race (Senior):—1, C. Large; 2, W. Young; 3, J. Kew.
440 Yards (Middle):—1, Tan Kok-liang; 2, B. Lim; 3, E. Read. Time: 64 secs.
Obstacle Race (Junior):—1, P. Yew; 2, Cheng Siu-sing; 3, G. Guest.
Long Jump (Senior):—1, E. Mazuza; 2, P. Liu; 3, Chan Shu-fan. Distance: 18 ft. 10 ins.
440 Yards (Junior):—1, F. Lee; 2, G. Guest and Cheung Siu-sing. Time: 1 min. 14 3/5 secs.
Shot Putt (Senior):—1, Ma Wei-fun; 2, Ting Eng-sing; 3, E. Marzuza. Distance: 36 ft. 8 ins.
Obstacle Race (Middle):—1, B. Lim; 2, E. Read; 3, T. Ho.
Inter-School Relay:—1, La Salle; 2, Wah Yan; 3, St. Joseph's. Time: 2 mins. 46 secs.
Individual Champions:—C. Large (Senior), Tan Kok-liang (Middle), G. Guest (Junior).
House Champions:—1, Green (200 1/3 pts.); 2, Blue (127 1-2 pts.); 3, Yellow (115 1/6 pts.); 4, Brown (72 pts.).
Tug-of-War:—Brown.

EARLIER RESULTS

The following events were held earlier in the week:
Cross Country:—(Senior):—1, J. Macauley; 2, Hsu Yuan-yo; 3, G. Rossetti. (Middle):—1, Tan Kok-liang; 2, N. Masters; 3, B. Lim. (Junior):—1, S. Lee; 2, Chung Shu-sing; 3, R. Whitfield.
One Mile:—(Senior):—1, C. Large; 2, J. Macauley; 3, Hsu Yuan-yo. (Middle):—1, Tan Kok-liang; 2, B. Lim; 3, S. Churn.
Throwing Cricket Ball:—1, S. Hall; 2, J. Macauley; 3, Hsu Yuan-yo.

One Point Against
Kwong Wah
Is Sufficient

By "REFEREE"

A WEAK SOUTH CHINA "A" team were held to a goal-less draw by Kwong Wah at Boundary Street yesterday in their postponed First Division encounter, but South China, by virtue of this draw, have now won the First Division Championship for the third year in succession.

Lee Ting-sang, Lai Shui-wing and Tang Kwong-sum were absentees from the Champions' team and their places were filled by Leung Yin-chan, Lau Tau-man and Ching Chi-fai.

South China were the better team and had more scoring opportunities but Wong Wah-kay, in Kwong Wah's goal, gave a grand display and brought off a number of excellent saves.

The two backs Chung Fai-lum and Lee Kwok-wai were sound in their tackling and hard in their clearances and Lee Kwok-wai, at left back, showed a welcome return to his old form. He was fast and deadly in his tackling while his positioning was very good.

NO SUPPORT TO FORWARDS

In the intermediate line, Yeung Tse-cheong as pivot was outstanding, but while the halves did well in defence, it was only occasionally that they were seen assisting their forwards.

In the attack the two wingers were prominent, particularly Wong King-cheong on the left, who, when in possession, looked at all times dangerous. He led Leung Yin-chan a merry dance in the first half but in the later period Leung stuck to him and gave him little scope to manoeuvre.

Cheuk Shek-kam started well but fell off badly in the second half. He could have made more of the many opportunities which came his way.

Tam Kwan-kon and Leung Wing-chui, goalkeeper and pivot, respectively, gave one of their best displays this season. Tam in the first half was called into action several times and did well while Leung was prominent with his heading and tackling and kept his forwards well supplied with passes.

Lee Wai-tong in the attack worked harder than he generally does and gave Lau Tau-man countless scoring opportunities but the latter could not score.

Fung King-cheong and Tang Kwong-sum were a dangerous pair and were the cause of most worry to Kwong Wah defence.

SAPPERS'
DECIDING
EARLY GOAL

(BY "SPORTSHAWK")

A goal scored shortly after the opening, when 30th Royal Artillery were a man short, enabled Royal Engineers to win their play-off for the runners-up position in Second Division of the Football League at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon.

As the result, they will have to play again this Saturday to reach a final decision.

Sappers scored their goal when Moore, Sappers' right-winger, sent in a powerful shot from the line which bounced into play after hitting the cross-bar. Taylor, however, the left-winger, immediately followed up and placed the ball into the

bottom of the net. Sappers then held this lead until the finish.

POOR GAME

The game was very poor and never looked like Second Division standard. Moxham, the Interporter, was still on the injured list and his position in goal for Sappers was taken over by Lam Wah-sing, who did quite well.

Outstanding players for the winners were Fox, Taylor and Moore in the forward line, Pelham at right-half and Palmer in defence.

Gunners were best served by Guy, in the pivotal position, Brown at centre-forward and Hole in defence. Woodfin appeared very sound yesterday and saved several apparently "certain" goals in the second period.

Royal Engineers:—Lam Wah-sing; Palmer and Tang Chung-pak; Pelham, Shaw and Jones; Moore, Fox, Birrell, Devaney and Taylor.

30th Royal Artillery:—Woodfin; Hole and Todd; Tuckley, Guy and Roberts; Gill, Yearling, Brown, Tate and Flanders.

R.A.S.C. WIN

Service Corps easily accounted for Electric by six clear goals in their last Third Division game and, as a result, will now meet 24th in the play off.

Martin (2), Logan, Glen, Clarke and James scored for Service Corps.

TENNIS

POOR MATCH
YESTERDAY

(By "ADREM")

Errors were the order of the day on the Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, when E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung entered the third round of the Colony tennis doubles by beating C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson 6-3, 7-5.

There was little of interest throughout the entire match, the H.K.C.C. pair being obviously of a much lower standard than their opponents, who, nevertheless, played some really dreadful shots and at no time appeared to have command of their strokes.

For the losers, Hyde adopted aggressive methods throughout, hitting hard on the forehand and the volley. Ferguson was more impressive on his backhand wing, while both men served fairly well.

Fincher and Hung never appeared to take the same too seriously and went for their shots all the time. That they did not always bring them off mattered little as Ferguson and Hyde were unable to maintain a rally.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club:—
OPEN SINGLES SEMI-FINAL
S. A. Rumjahn v. H. D. Rumjahn (Stand Court).

DECIDING GAMES
ON SATURDAY

Two deciding games will be played at Sookunpoo on Saturday, when Royal Engineers meet 30th R.A. for the runners-up title of Second Division at 2.45, followed by the game for the Third Division title between Service Corps and 24th Royal Artillery.

Both games will be of 70 minutes' duration with extra time of 10 minutes each way if necessary.

RUMJAHN'S
BIG ADVANCE

J. M. A. Rumjahn, of Indian Recreation Club, makes the biggest advance in the Junior League cricket averages this week. Taking 5 for 30 in the "needle" match against Recreio on Saturday, he qualifies for the first time this season and is now second on the bowling list.

As a result of his 94 for Police against Craigengower, C. Pope is now second in the batting list.

Among new qualifiers are C. E. Abbas, J. Souby, and J. H. Nancarrow, of R.A.F., while Abbas and Nancarrow also figure in the bowling list for the first time.

SECOND DIVISION

BATTING

(Qualification—3 Inns. av. of 15 and over)			
	N.	R.	H.
Major Swyers (Army)...	5	3 103	33 51.50
C. Pope (Police)...	7	0 273	94 39.00
Brig. MacLeod (Army)...	4	1 116	106* 35.33
A. E. Noronha (Rec.)...	5	3 68	53* 34.00
Lt. Fergus (Army)...	3	1 68	56 34.00
C. M. S. Paterson (Army)...	3	0 91	63 30.33
K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)...	7	1 172	54 28.67
H. A. Barros (Rec.)...	7	1 169	55* 28.17
F. J. Lay (K.C.C.)...	5	0 121	44 24.20
W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.)...	8	1 158	49* 22.29
W. L. Clarke (Police)...	8	1 156	36 22.28
R. M. Soares (Univ.)...	5	1 87	45* 21.75
M. I. Razack (I.R.C.)...	7	1 130	30 21.66
Capt. Lawrence (Army)...	6	0 124	41 20.67
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)...	6	1 101	46 20.20
T. Lock (C.C.C.)...	7	2 100	50* 20.00
T. Ali (I.R.C.)...	5	2 99	59* 19.87
H. M. Xavier (Rec.)...	6	1 96	58* 19.20
A. M. Prata (Rec.)...	6	0 98	33 19.20
G. Ainslie (C.S.C.C.)...	6	0 115	86 19.17
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)...	7	3 75	27* 18.75
A. V. Gosano (Rec.)...	4	0 74	33 18.50
J. L. Stephens (Police)...	8	1 128	44* 18.28
H. Danbrowsky (Police)...	8	2 107	34 17.83
J. A. Soares (Rec.)...	4	2 35	17* 17.50
C. Abbas (R.A.F.)...	6	1 87	26* 17.40
C. W. Lam (C.C.C.)...	6	1 121	37 17.29
R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)...	7	0 118	33 16.85
G. Stone (C.S.C.C.)...	7	0 167	24* 16.75
G. A. Gutierrez (Rec.)...	6	2 67	44 16.20
T. T. Chiu (Univ.)...	4	0 68	44 16.20
J. Souby (R.A.F.)...	4	1 48	23 16.00
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.)...	7	0 111	27 15.85
P. H. Loughlin (Police)...	8	0 122	36 15.25
J. H. Nancarrow (R.A.F.)...	8	0 121	43 15.13

BOWLING

(Qualification—3 matches; 5 wickets; av. of 15 and under.)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
M. A. Remedios (Rec.)...	18.3	5	51	12	4.25
J. M. A. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)...	24	4	59	9	6.55
H. Danbrowsky (Police)...	25.5	1	156	20	7.80
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)...	82	13	234	30	7.66
Y. T. Barma (I.R.C.)...	29.7	4	97	13	7.65
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)...	15	1	83	11	7.55
G. A. Gutierrez (Rec.)...	82.5	7	192	24	8.00
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)...	42.6	4	179	20	8.95
Pte. Hatfield (Army)...	24.4	8	63	7	9.00
A. V. Gosano (Rec.)...	29.4	7	73	8	9.13
J. Lewis (Police)...	56.5	10	184	19	9.68
Lt. Peal (Army)...	17	2	97	10	9.70
A. M. Omar (C.C.C.)...	59	11	209	21	9.95
E. Gillette (R.A.F.)...	59.2	13	226	22	10.27
J. E. Noronha (Rec.)...	34.3	3	124	12	10.33
B. R. Francis (C.C.C.)...	24	3	98	9	10.67
A. el Arculli (I.R.C.)...	88.6	6	189	16	11.81
F. Forrest (Police)...	15.8	2	80	7	11.43
G. E. Taylor (K.C.C.)...	27.6	2	118	10	11.80
C. Pope (Police)...	61	4	237	19	12.47
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)...	55.5	6	230	17	13.53
C. E. Abbas (R.A.F.)...	10	0	72	5	14.40
J. H. Nancarrow (R.A.F.)...	48.6	4	234	16	14.62
Lt. Fergus (Army)...	18	0	75	5	15.00

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

M. Pagh v. B. C. Fay (8).

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

R. C. Beavan and Miss J. Smalley (—3.5) v. H. D. Bidwell and Miss E. Lammert (—2.5) v. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Nicholson (—3.5) (3).

EASTERN IMPRESS MANILA

Manila, Saturday.
Displaying the fancy footwork that made them the outstanding soccer eleven of Hong Kong this season, Eastern Chinese Athletic Association last night opened their five-game series here with a crushing 6 to 1 victory over the University of Sto. Tomas under the floodlights of Rizal Memorial Football Stadium.

The visitors completely outclassed a makeshift Sto. Tomas team that was supposed to have been revamped and bolstered by several veteran stars.

The visitors fielded a well-balanced and smooth-working combination that proved its superiority in every department of the game. The Chinese have a powerful array of forwards headed by V. K. Hui, N. C. Lee and Hau Ching To. These three players wrought havoc on the Tommies' defence line and ac-

counted for five of the Chinese team's goals. Lee, who went in as a left winger in the second half, and V. K. Hui at centre forward, scored two goals each. Hau Ching To, tricky outside left, contributed one. The other goal was netted by Chung Kam Hoi, inside right.

The Chinese set a terrific pace from the start and it soon told on the local aggregation, especially in the second half when the visitors gathered their three goals in the period without much effort and only half-hearted opposition from the Tommies. — "Manila Bulletin."

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, To-day.
The following were the results of football matches played yesterday.

CUP (Replays)	
Reading	1 Cardiff 0
Torquay	5 Swindon 0
Watford	2 Northampton 1
SCOTTISH CUP (Semi-Final Replay)	
Airdrie	1 Dundee U. 3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Western)	
Albion	3 Dumbarton 1
Hamilton	4 Third Lanark 0
Queen O'S	1 Celtic 0
Rangers	3 Ayr 1
EASTERN	
Arbroath	1 St. Johnstone 2
Dunfermline	0 King's Park 0
Dundee	7 Stenhousemuir 1
Falkirk	3 East Fife 0

— Reuter.

MINDANAO WIN

In a five-game duck pin match at the Bowling Alley last night U.S.S. Mindanao defeated the Royal Corps of Signals by 186 pins. Scores:

U.S.S. MINDANAO	
D. M. Keplinger	84 110 102 97 147 550
J. T. Sheehan	88 113 106 95 108 510
E. L. Emerson	85 94 100 93 82 454
J. W. Davis	81 83 108 79 87 443

348 410 416 364 424 1,962

ROYAL SIGNALS	
Corp. J. H. Watts	97 82 111 94 95 479
Corp. H. Blount	88 92 89 99 82 450
Signalman G. Birkett	85 82 91 85 78 431
Lieut. G. Somerville	88 77 84 85 82 416

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"DIKTAT" NOT AN ENGLISH WORD

London, To-day.

"The Times," commenting on yesterday's debate on India in both Houses, says: "The debate came at an opportune time when the situation in India to some extent has deteriorated and when the contradictory demands of the Congress Party and the All-India Moslem League are threatening Indian unity."

The situation is more regrettable at this critical moment in the history of civilisation—all the more since Indian opinion, with insignificant exceptions, is thoroughly in sympathy with the Allied cause."

Essentially difficult is the struggle between Moslems and Hindus—in these circumstances it seems that His Majesty's Government can only strive to further every effort made by moderate men on both sides to reach an understanding and to make their own position perfectly clear.

If Hindu and Moslem fail to agree then the Federal scheme, the sole constitutional safeguard of Indian unity against eventual disruption, becomes no more than a pious aspiration. Meanwhile there is no question of imposing a constitution on India—"diktat" is not an English word.—Reuter.

ITALY MAY BE DRAGGED INTO WAR

(Continued from Page 1)

Hungary, Yugo-Slavia and Bulgaria regulating control of Danubian navigation, which they describe as "the starting point of co-operation between the four States leading to peace in south-east Europe."—Havas.

Rumanian Precautions

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

Measures for the strict control of the entry and residence of foreigners in Rumania have been decided by the Council of Ministers, which has also approved several measures forbidding propaganda activities incompatible with Rumanian neutrality.

The measures aim at protecting the State against the possibility of a recurrence of the Nazi penetration method used in Norway, when in many instances, sailors and soldiers disguised as seamen occupied several points along the Norwegian coast.—Havas.

Yugoslavia Takes Action

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

The Yugo-Slav authorities have decided to enforce strict police supervision of all foreigners throughout the country.

All residence permits will be submitted for revision and all movements of foreigners will be controlled.

Political circles explain that the measures are justified by the abnormal increase in Belgrade and other large Yugo-Slav cities of the number of foreigners, many of whom indulge in anti-Allied propaganda, including the distribution of anti-Allied pamphlets.—Havas.

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Belgrade, To-day.

Measures which are interpreted as a step towards checking Nazi propaganda and espionage are taken in a decree published last night under which aliens henceforth will be only allowed to live in a declared place of residence and any change of residence will have to be approved by the governor of the province or the prefect of Belgrade. Aliens entering the country are required to report personally to the police 36 hours after crossing the frontier.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

"Unhappy Europe will undoubtedly have great need of help," declared the Foreign Minister, M. Paul Spaak, speaking in the Senate yesterday in reference to President Roosevelt's appeal to all nations of the world to follow America on its path of peace.

Reaffirming Belgium's neutrality, M. Spaak said: "I know that our fate is not entirely in our own hands. We will remain neutral as long as possible but we will defend ourselves bravely, just as in 1914, if anyone violates our neutrality."—Havas.

During the reading of the clauses of the War Revenue Bill in Committee of Legislative Council this afternoon, the Attorney-General said that in connection with Clause 8 and its provisions with regard to exemption from tax of official emoluments of the Governor, he had to state on His Excellency's behalf that he had no intention in any way of availing himself of it. The clause was inserted on the instructions of the present Secretary of State and of his predecessor, in common with the majority of the Crown Colonies and the Dominions.

"I can assure the general public that His Excellency has no intention of deriving any personal benefit as a result of that clause," the Attorney-General said.

In connection with clause 11, "Allowances," the Attorney-General said that sub-section IV—"in the case of a married woman no allowance shall be made for a child in respect of whom such allowance has been made in favour of her husband"—was to prevent such allowance being claimed by two people in respect of the same child.

Under the scheme of the bill, the salaries of a married woman and her husband will be assessed separately and will get separate allowance.

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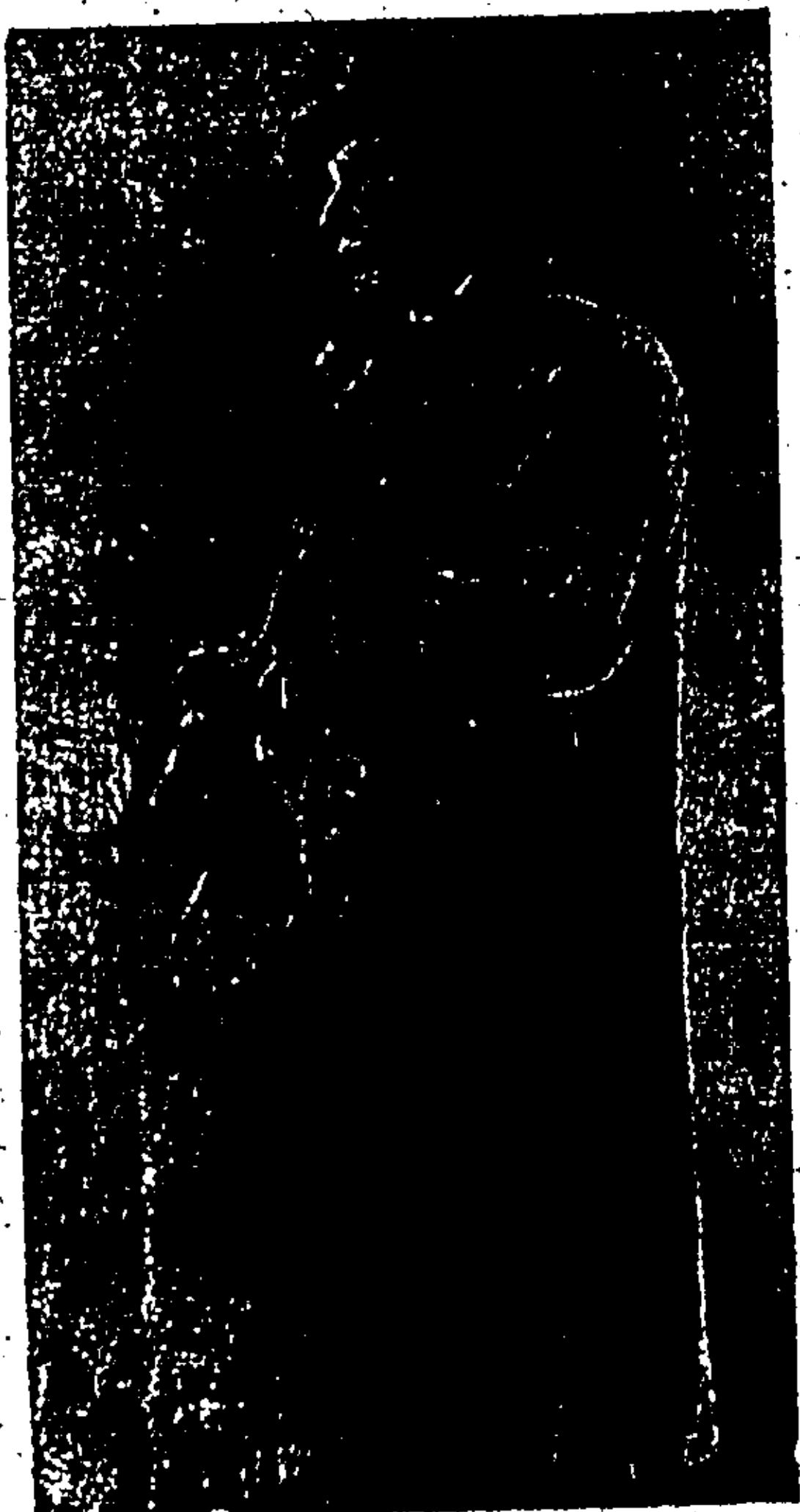
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RUMOURS IN SWEDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

THE AUTHORITIES HAVE CATEGORICALLY DENIED REPORTS SPREAD ABROAD THAT SWEDISH OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR ACTIVITIES HARMFUL TO THE STATE.

It is explained that Swedish frontier guards merely contacted German officers at the Norwegian-Swedish border at Storlien following the German occupation of the Trondheim-Storlien railway.—Havas.

LITTLE ACTIVITY ON WESTERN FRONT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

There has been little activity in the air over the Western Front and little more on the ground, except for the usual small Nazi attacks.—Havas.

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